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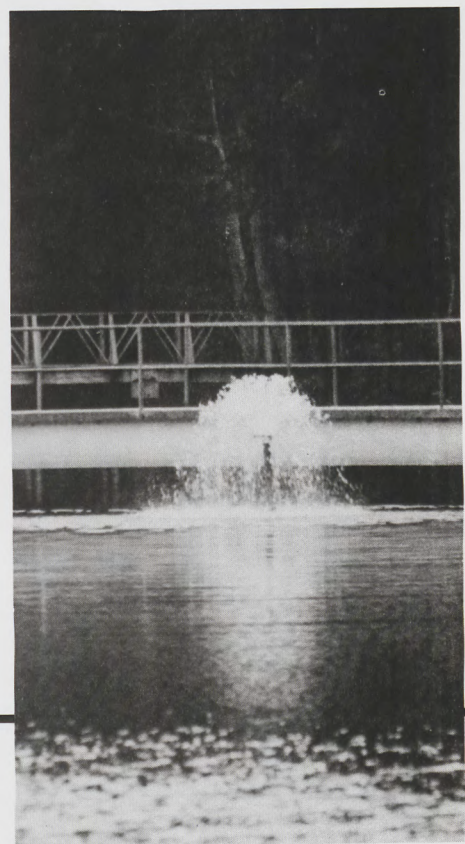
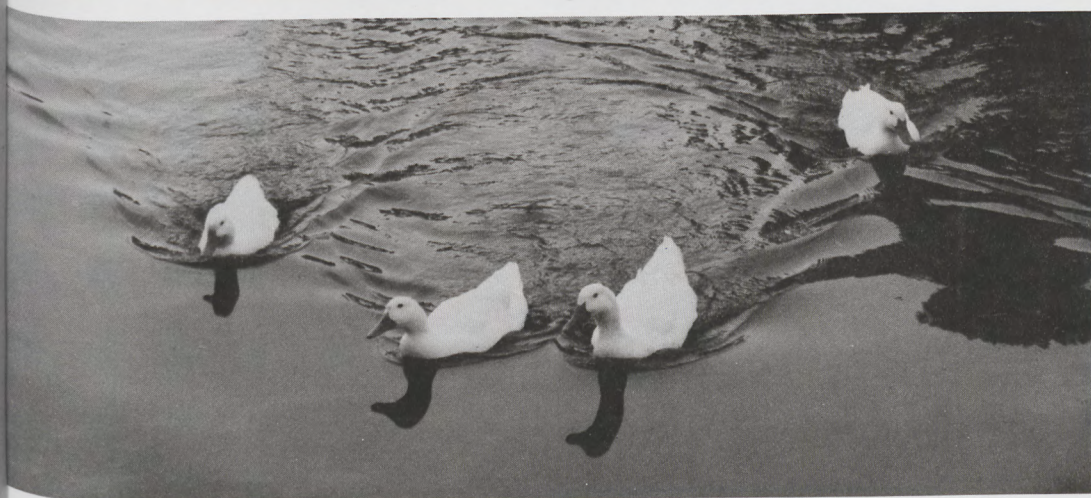
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Located in Summit, Mississippi, which is the highest point from Memphis, Tennessee, to New Orleans, Louisiana, Southwest Mississippi Community College draws students to its sixty-acre campus. But few, if any, students know of its strategic geographical location. To most, the extent of SMCC's geographic features includes the new access road from I-55, dorms, buildings, Bear Lake, pine trees, flowering plants, shrubs, and the Observatory.

Even though the picturesque setting enhances its appeal, students choose SMCC, not for its geographic beauty but for its excellent reputation in encouraging students to reach new

heights through academic, athletic, and social interaction. For the recent high school graduate accustomed to classroom settings, new heights mean successful adjustments to dorm life, class schedules, newfound freedom, and independence. For students returning after years away from the classroom scene, new heights include conquering technological advancements and juggling classes, day care, jobs, home, and family. Whatever the situation, traditional, non-traditional, full-time, and part-time students agree

that SMCC provides a basis for continued growth for future success.

A quick drive through the campus reveals students from different backgrounds and hometowns with different talents, achievements, goals, and dreams. Despite these diversities, one common thread holds SMCC students together - their assurance of reaching new heights.

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Open designated nights each week, the Observatory gives observers a chance to reach the stars.



Louisiana native, now SMCC Bear, Brad Bickham casts into the water and hopes to snare the biggest Bear Lake has to offer.

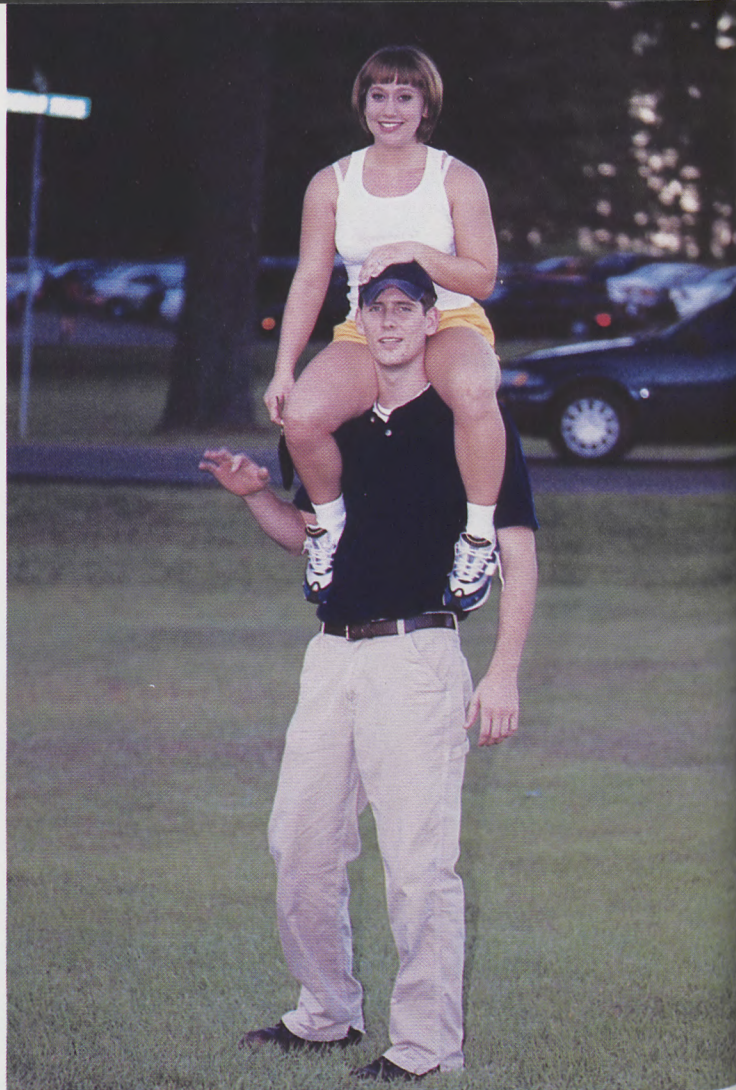
Crossing Bear Lake on the way to classes is an everyday experience for many SMCC students.



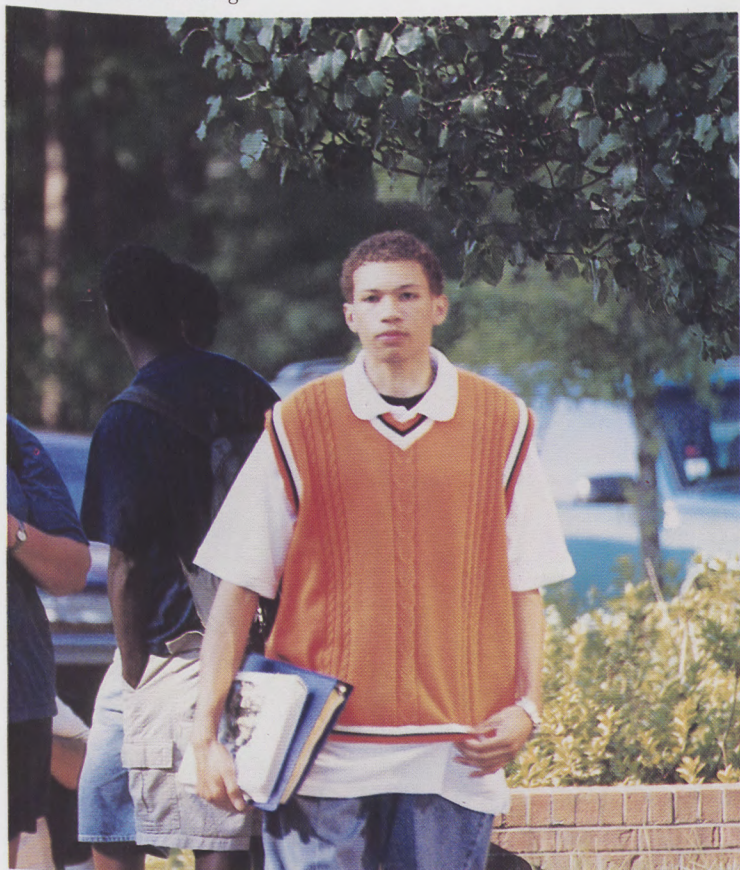
Bear Lake sits in the center of campus. Its quiet, still, unassuming appearance deceives many. But, those SMCC students who walk across its bridges or drive around its banks daily to go to classes know that Bear Lake never sleeps. Not only is it an ecosystem providing life to its inhabitants, but it also adds beauty to the campus. So, it waits patiently for SMCC students to cross or to find time from their busy schedule to visit its edge.

After leaving the first pep rally of the season, Maggie Herrin gets a better view of the campus, thanks to Jeff Hanks.

After battling registration lines, studying for tests, or seeking time alone, SMCC students claim benches across campus as temporary retreats.



With books in hand for his next class, Corey Carr makes a bold entrance into the Humanities Building.



The heights SMCC students gain prepare them for the new millennium. They have no fear of Y2K causing chaos through computer failures because each year at SMCC is the "year to know." And what SMCC students know is that the time they spend visiting the library, sitting in classrooms, studying for tests, living in dorms, crossing the lake, and supporting the Bears prepares them for the new century. In addition, the learning, growing process creates lasting memories of the time they spent reaching new heights.



The early morning sun seemed dim compared to the bright, fresh faces and voices of students who attended "See You at the Pole," a time for prayer, reflection, and devotion. With Bible clutched, Amy Freeman joins fiancée, Wes Gaskin, in lifting their voices to the heavens to sing "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High."

Holding the banner high, the cheerleaders wait for the Bears to charge through on their way to victory.



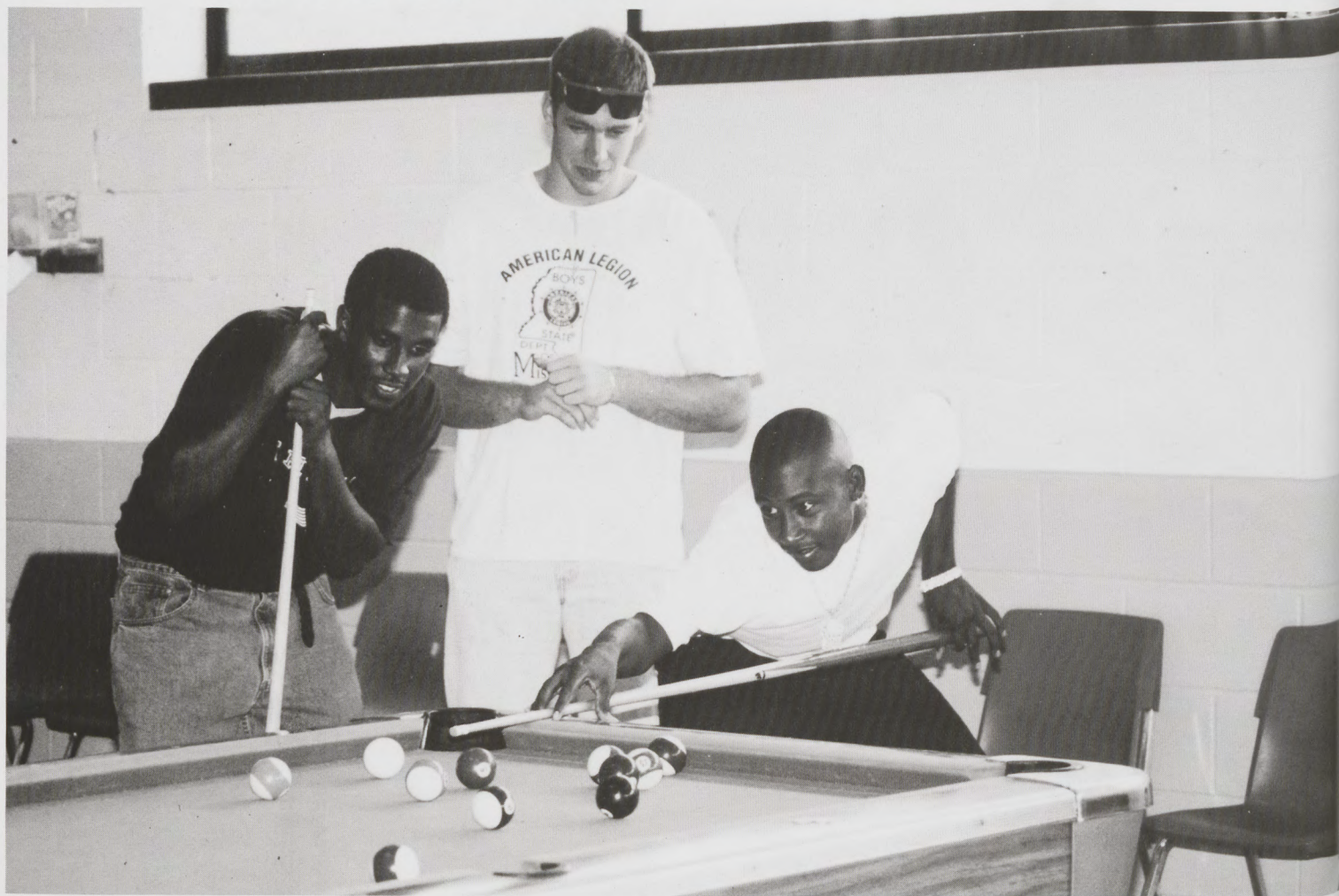
Why wait for a football game for a tailgate party! Scarlet Williams, Daniel Whittington, Brent Beasley, Jessica Longmire, Cassie McKenzie, and Christy Fleming find a tree, drop a tailgate, and create their own tailgate party during lunch.

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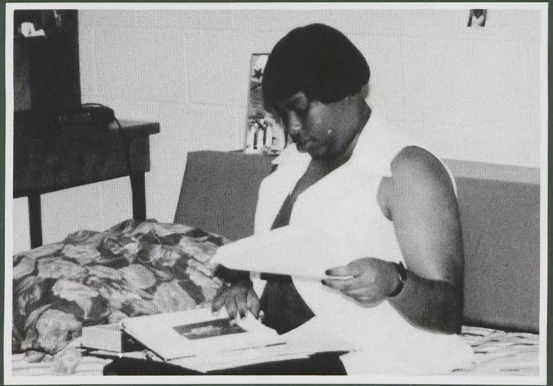
Reaching New

SMCC students soon learn that their year will be a busy one. From August registration to May graduation, activities and events squeeze their way into students' lives. Although Bear Jamboree, Homecoming, Stage Band shows, Bear Necessities Day, spring formal, and graduation beckon student attention, it is the routine, the daily grind, that keeps students the busiest. Living in the dorm, walking to classes, studying in the library, typing papers, checking e-mails, visiting with friends, going to the grill, voting in student elections, attending athletic events, or fishing in Bear Lake leaves little time for boredom. Whatever the activity, SMCC students soon realize that campus life stretches them to new heights.

To get the Bears fans to their feet during SMCC's first pep rally of the season, the cheerleaders stack 'em high to "Two bits..."



After much thought and consideration, Rocky Smith selects the best angle to defeat his opponent John Brown. Choosing to be an observer rather than a participant, Aaron Tullos watches for the outcome. For some students, the height of action centers around the pool tables where competition is fierce. For many SMCC students, the grill is the place where social interaction between friends reaches new heights.



Student Life

Bear Necessities Day brings new experiences

Each spring, students leave their books and homework behind to indulge in several hours of fun, folly, and fellowship. From egg toss, dizzy-izzy, tobacco splitting, and tug-of-war to hot dogs, potato salad, homestyle fried chicken, and soft drinks, students take a break from the classroom setting and move to the football field to relax and reach new heights as team players.

During the spring 1999 event, the fun and folly reached beyond students; faculty members formed teams and participated in the events.

Participants moaned, groaned, pushed, pulled, hopped, ran, threw, spun, and spit in an effort to claim the victory trophies. The only break in the action was during the noon meal, which the cafeteria staff prepared in the cafeteria, packed to the field, and served to participants and observers. This break in action allowed much needed rest for the weary and time for final team strategies before the afternoon events.

Through the events, participants stretched their personal strength, endurance, coordination, and self discipline to the limits - all in an effort to reach new heights.

This event may be strong enough for a man, but Betsy Brown, Julia Jones, Kimberly Prentiss, Kandi Yawn, Shane Forman, and Robyn Kyzar prove that it is an event made for a woman.



After a grueling day of fun and competition, participants fall out for a laugh and one last memory.

With confidence, muscle, and a mighty grip, Maurice Surrell, Decley Ashley, Reggie Anderson, Desmond Collins, and Kevin Turner face their competition and give it their all.



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Micah Poole and Richard Dodd try to hold it together as they run for the finish line in the three-legged race.

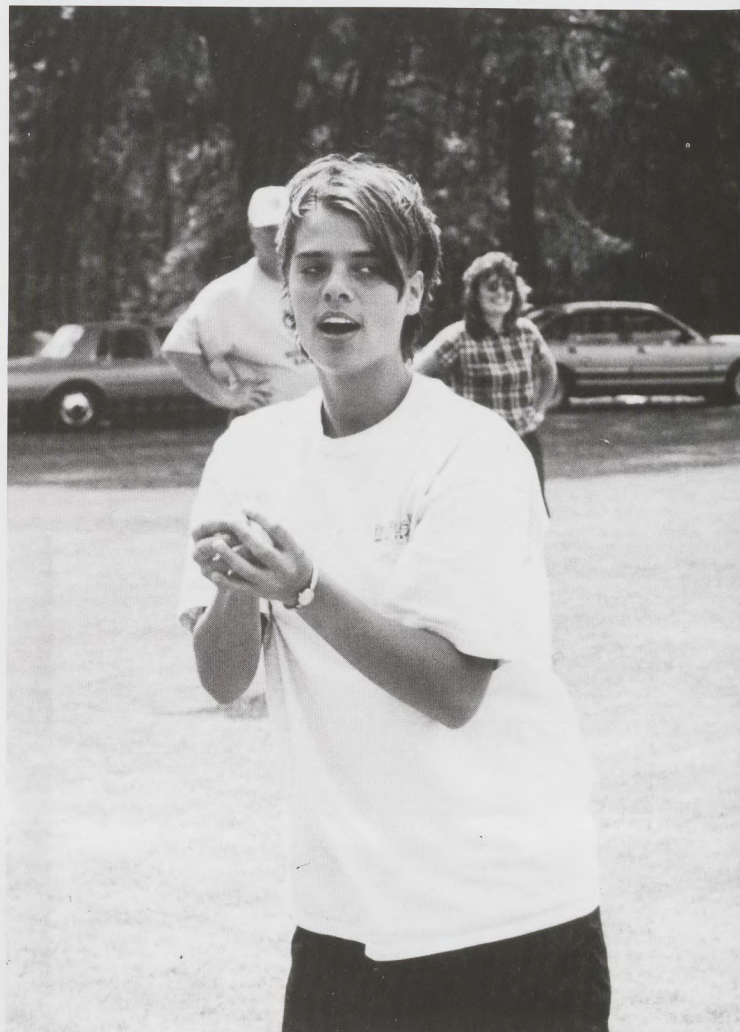
After several spins around the bat in Dizzy Izzy, Lana Coley wobbles and weaves the distance.



Misty Stevens, Terri Wheat, Lawanda Alexander, Meagan McFarland, Kim Dent, Shanell James, and Danielle Jackson savor their victory.



Not 'egg'actly sure of her strategy, Vicki Morgan warms her egg before tossing and hopes for a soft landing.



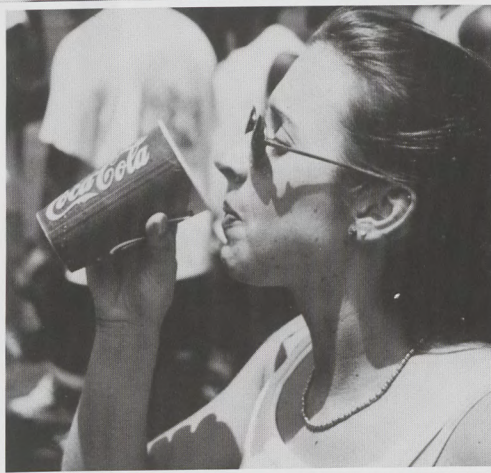
Andre Corbin, Jacob Prim, Harry James, Jerod Beckett, Eric Powell, Derrick Brantley, and Howard Green embrace their winning trophies.





Hoping to make a winning mark, Angela Burch spits toward the goal.

Adrienne Garner takes a break from the action long enough to quench her thirst.



With determination and strength, team members shove their way to the finish line and hope they reach it in winning time.



Micah Poole, Kyle McIntosh, and Chris Seay sit back between events and enjoy the scene.

Stage Band

rocks the house to new heights

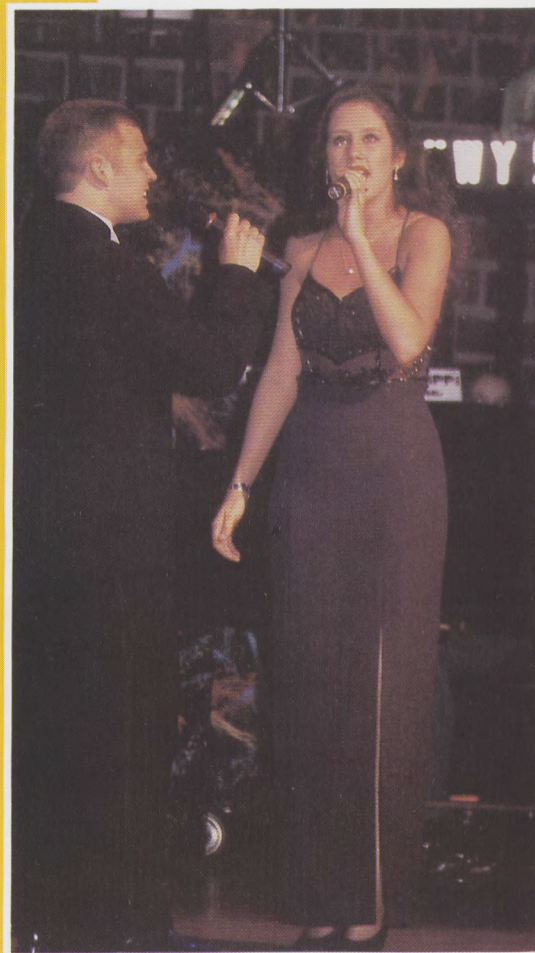
Perhaps the most anticipated spring event for SMCC and the surrounding community is the Stage Band show, directed by Shelton Whittington. Packed by enthusiastic crowds, the Fine Arts Auditorium rocked to new heights in spring 1999 through the sights and sounds of SMCC students. For months, these students practiced and prepared for their performances, and their efforts showed. Through the leadership of Shelton Whittington and with the assistance of set advisor Sissy Whittington, choreographer Kim Rush, and Reflection director Carolyn Smith, SMCC students danced and sang in a fashion equal to professional performers.

Transformed into a city scene,

the stage created the atmosphere for a variety of musical tunes, ranging from the beginning number of "Fame" to the ending number of "Devil with the Blue Dress." Reflection singer Kim Weathers and SMCC instructor Joe Elliot performed double duty by singing "The Prayer" at the Stage Band shows and graduation.

Through the years the Stage Band shows have earned an excellent reputation for producing quality entertainment by extremely talented SMCC students. This year was no different. Today, the auditorium sits in silence awaiting the next performance, but for one week in April 1999, SMCC students rocked the house to new heights.

Kyle Touchstone and Nikki Thomas pick their chance to slow the tempo down with "Chances Are."



Saxophone instrumentalists Mike Krantz, Chris Coleman, Justin Armstrong, Erin Tolar, and Michael Graves jazz up the show in their featured number, "I Heard It Through the Grapevine."



In addition to her singing and dancing abilities, Brandi Braswell amazes the audience as she glides her fingers effortlessly across the steel guitar while playing "Amazing Grace."

Reflection singers Benji Stockton, Kyle Touchstone, Stewart Miller, Taylor Young, Jackie Robbins, and Michael Barron mix harmonious ingredients in their rendition of "Love Potion #9."

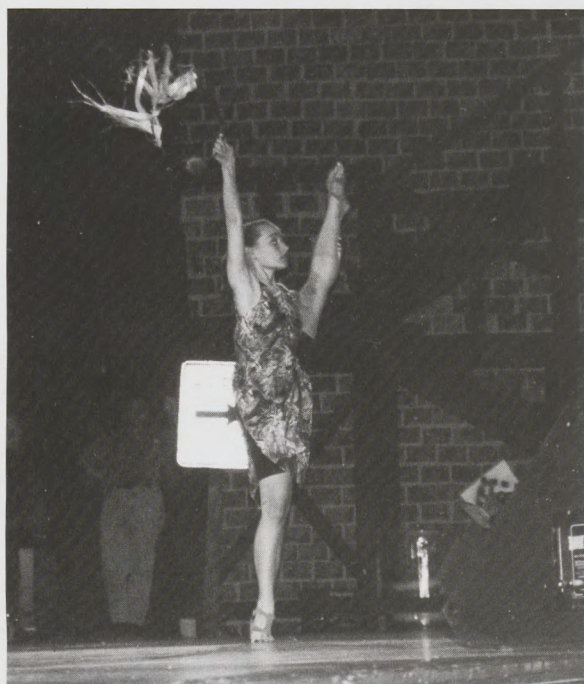


After the audience watches and hears the performance of "I'm a Woman" by Brandi Braswell, Shelley Campbell, Gretchen Price, Courtney Applewhite, and Sarapha Griffin, the crowd has no difficulty believing the singers' assertions.



The rhythm section had no problem rocking the packed house to new heights.

Reflection members Michael Barron, Shellie Campbell, Sarapha Griffin, Stewart Miller, Nikki Thomas, Kyle Touchstone, Rakel Rink, Gretchen Price, Benji Stockton, Taylor Young, and Jackie Robbins rock the house with their singing and dancing.



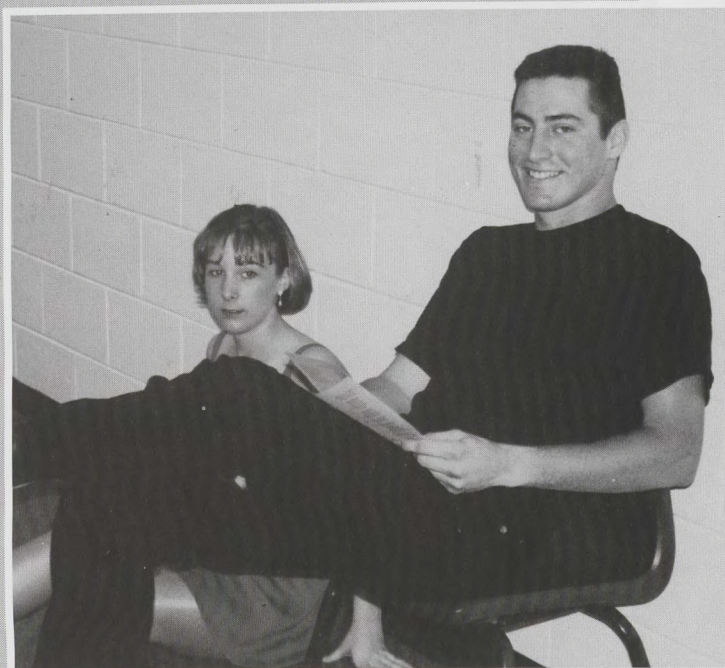
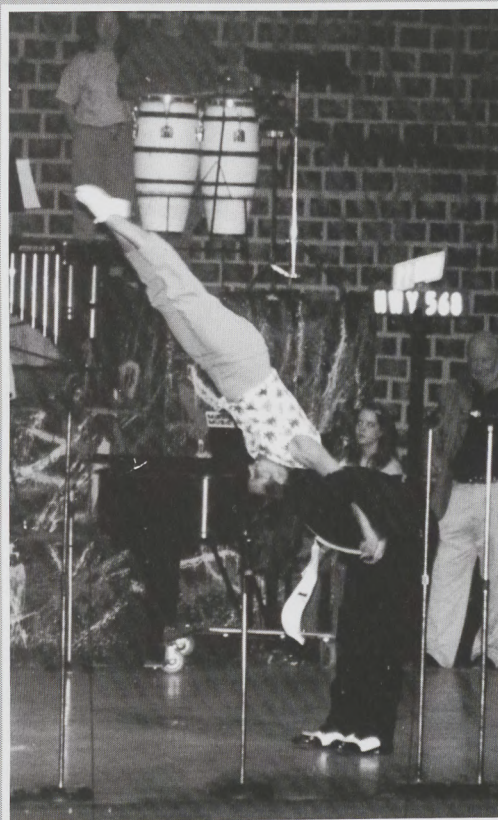
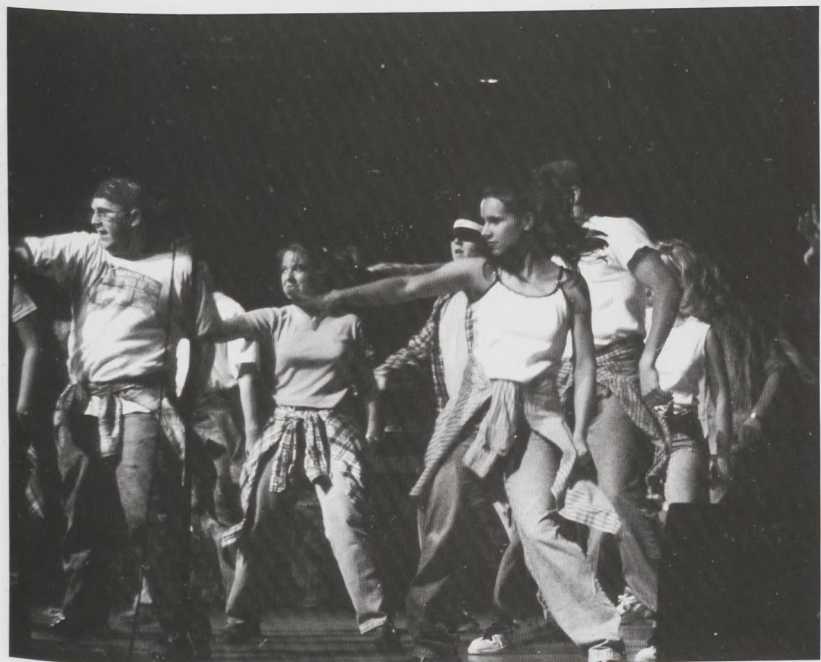
Sarapha Griffin mesmerizes the crowd with her ballet performance to "Circle of Life," sung by Benji Stockton.

Making the audience cry for more, Philip Alford, Ron Pennington, Joe Elliot, and Shelton Whittington blend their voices in perfect harmony to "Midnight Cry."



Reflection dancers earn much deserved fame, but not fortune, through their rendition of "Fame."

Rather than "Rocking Around the Clock," Rakel Rink leaps through time over Benji Stockton, bringing the show to a new height.



Shelly Campbell and Jackie Robbins take a break from the action while, inside, the house continues to rock.

When the spotlight reached across the stage to feature them, the trumpet and saxophone sections let their talents shine.

Fall Registration signals new beginnings

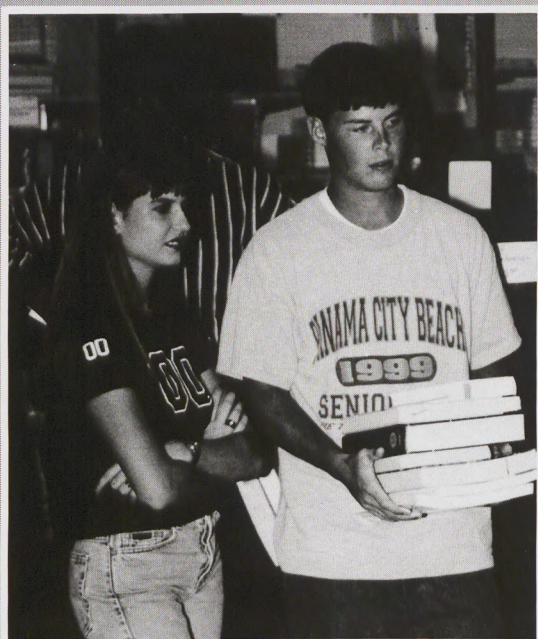
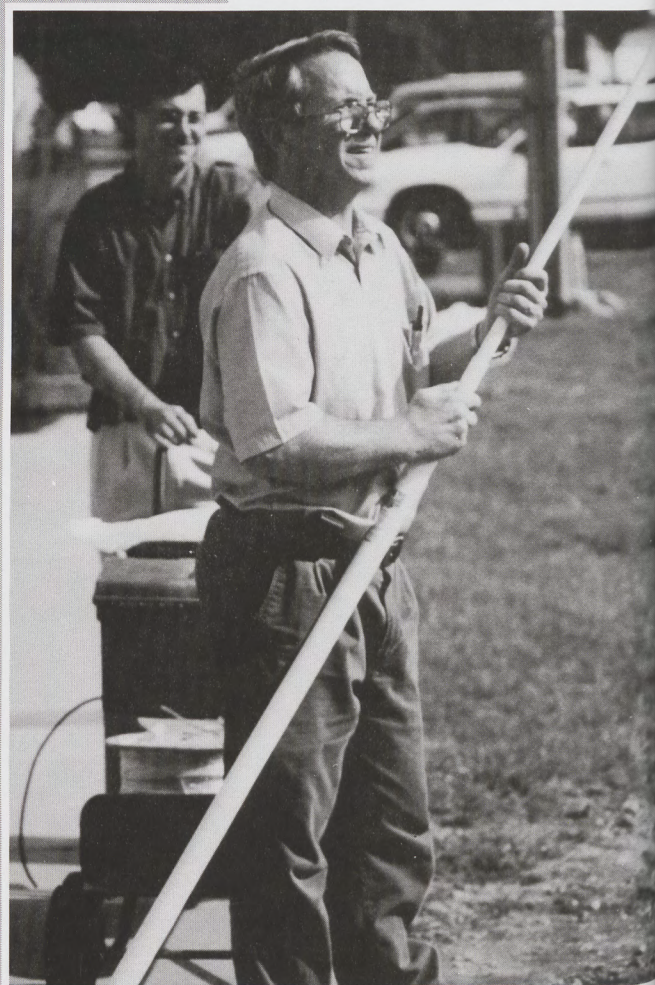
August 17-18, fall registration dates, signaled the beginning of a new academic year. Although the oppressive summer sun beamed down on registration lines, students withstood the heat, fanned their way through the lines, and created a well-worn path from Kenna Hall to the bookstore. Fortunately for them, approximately 700 students completed early registration, which helped to alleviate long lines, so the wait was much shorter than in past years.

Seizing the opportunity to reach more students for school portraits, photographers were on hand at the beginning of the registration line to snap a shot for the yearbook. Many students who registered early returned for their portraits. The Coke wagon, manned by Rev. Charles Brister of the Wesley Foundation and strategically located between Kenna Hall and the Administration building, furnished free cokes for the takers, which came as welcomed relief from the scorching heat. As students exited Kenna Hall, Gideons offered Bibles to registering students.

The registration lines were not the only scenes of activity. While students weaved through air conditioned buildings to complete their registration process, members of the Marching Band, flag auxiliary, dance line, and football team braved the heat to prepare for a fall season of football games. Earlier in the week, incoming freshman got their first glimpse of campus life during freshman orientation.

So, registration is more than just curved lines of students with schedules and dreams in hand. For days, the entire campus bustles with activities - all in an effort to ensure that SMCC students reach new heights.

Ronnie Welch and Dr. Mike Walker do their part during registration by running necessary wiring in preparation for the new academic year.



Glad to be at the last stop of registration, freshmen Brad Jetton and Heather Magee wait patiently for their turn to pay.

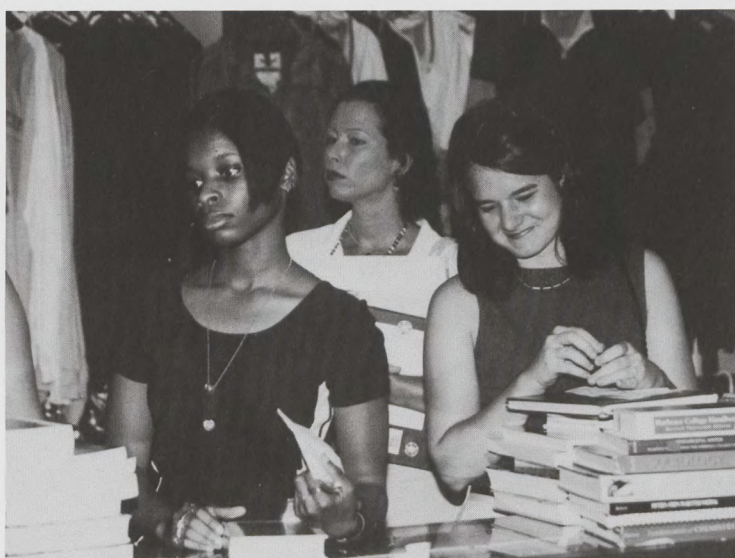
After waiting in line, Robert Moody meets with his advisor, Jay Hays, before proceeding to the Administration Building.





During fall registration Adam Slaughter takes a careful look at his information form for yearbook portraits.

While drumming at Band Camp, Justin Addison, Jason Marsalis, and Derick Carr beat the heat in preparation for upcoming sports events. Most band members took advantage of early registration to be able to attend Band Camp.



Finally reaching the bookstore, students stack their books and supplies and wait one last time.

Diane Turnage finds sharing the load with Brenda Burrough an enjoyable task.

Bear Jamboree reaches high expectations

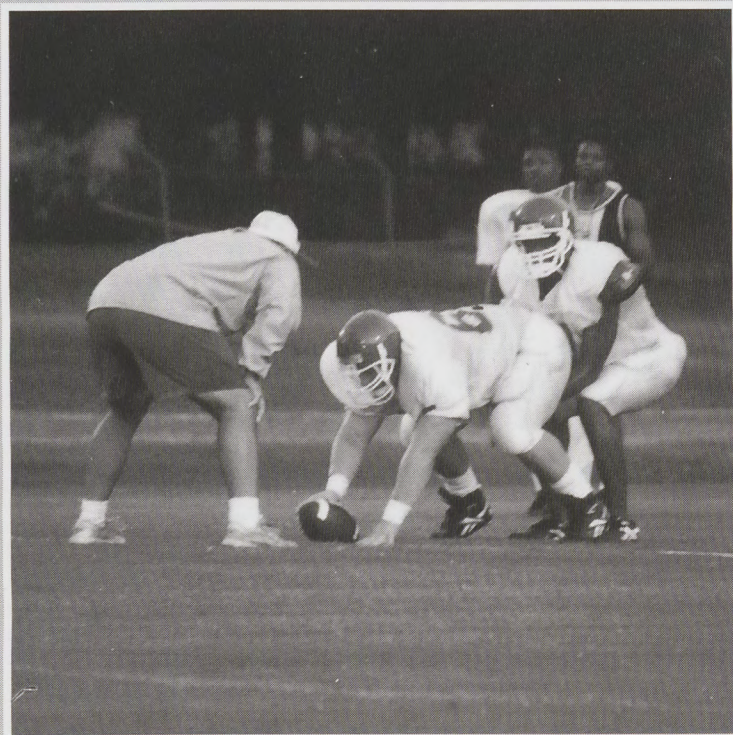
Successful describes the first annual Bear Jamboree held in the John I. Hurst Stadium on August 18. The August heat failed to deter fans from filling the stands to yell school cheers, hear the band, and watch Bear offensive and defensive players scrimmage. Many fans chose a more "earthy" seat by planting themselves on the hillsides beside the stands.

To many students, the jamboree was the height of registration week. The outing gave the students an opportunity to mix, mingle, and meet new friends or visit with old friends, separated by summer vacation, before beginning the daily grind of classes, study, and homework. It also provided an opportunity for cheerleaders, football players, and band members to re-evaluate their plays and routines before the "real" season began.

Dr. Oliver Young, dean of students, organized the event and enlisted various members of the girls basketball team, faculty, and staff to serve pizza, hot dogs, and soft drinks. Administrators and faculty members joined with students in cheering, eating, and watching.

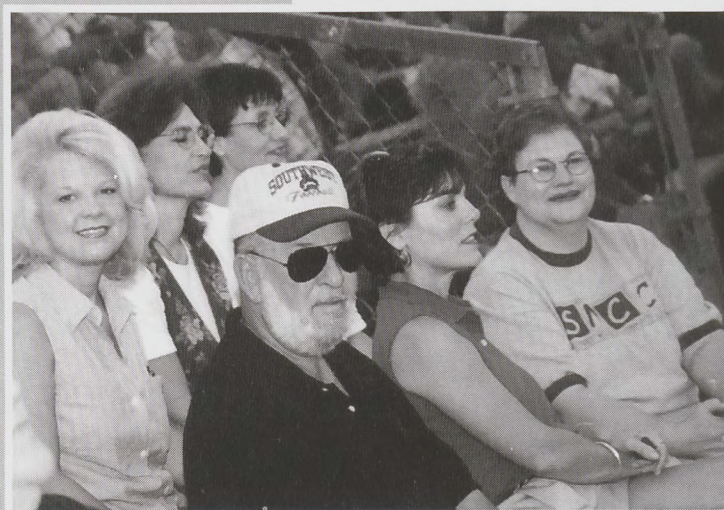
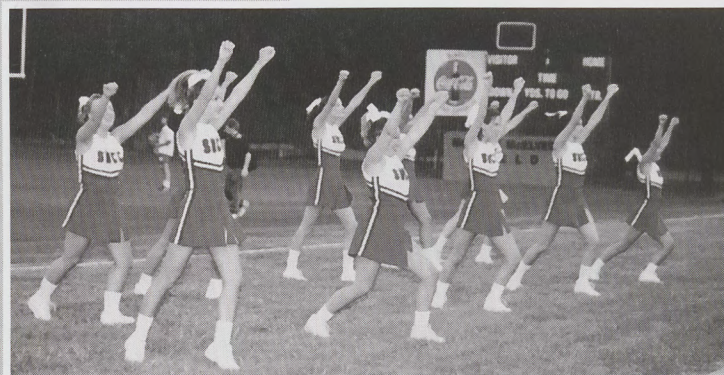
Although no one kept score or judged performances, both offensive and defensive teams claimed victory when they reached the locker room at the end of the night. Regardless of who won the game, those in attendance knew who the real victors were - the fans.

Sissy Whittington, Cathy Ellett, Cecelia Brister, Shelton Whittington, Dixie Stokes, and Jo Ann Young group together to show their support for the Bears while other faculty members and administrators mingled in the crowds.



Assistant Coach Dom Green catches a close view of Mitch Sawyer and Ike Hall practicing snaps.

In total unison with arms held high, the cheerleaders step into a spirited cheer before the crowd.



Erika Rogers, Brenda Alexander, Shun Conerly, Donna Richard, Tabitha Crossley, Pam Gordon, and Sylvia Scott leave the basketball courts long enough to "dunk" ice and soft drinks into cups for thirsty jamboree attendants.

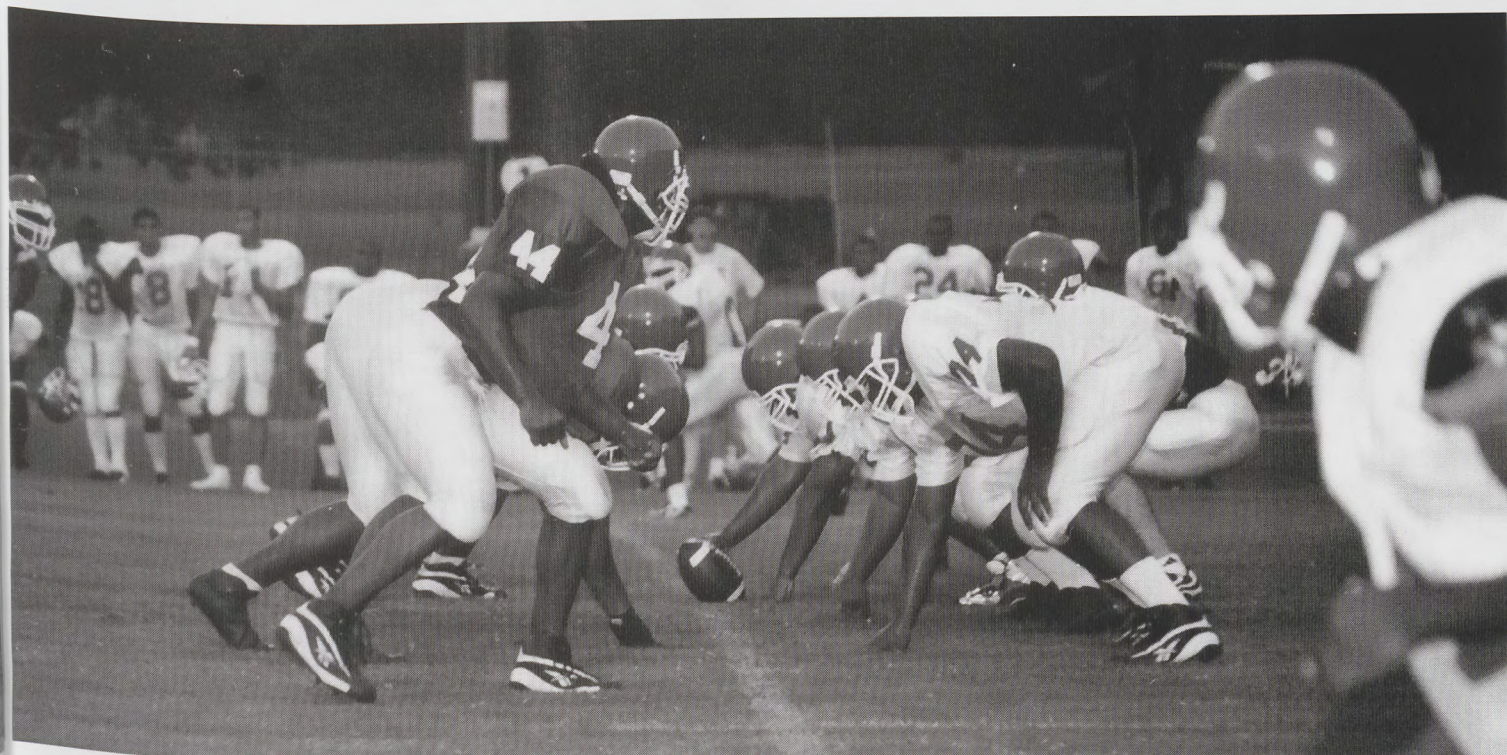


The mascot "bears" its pride during the jamboree.

Between bites of pizza, Della Hamilton and Nikki Thomas discuss the jamboree, leaving no "saucy" details out.



With only minutes remaining before kickoff, Coach Ken Edenfield gives last minute instructions to the entire team.



The Bear Jamboree pitted offensive players against defensive players, which gave viewers an opportunity to see the Bear team in action.

Homecoming '99

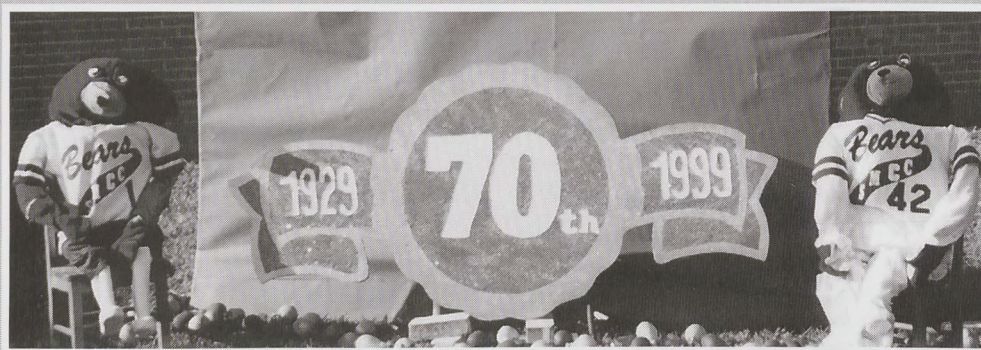
celebrates new millennium

Homecoming '99 brought SMCC students, friends, and alumni together to celebrate SMCC's 70th anniversary and the last homecoming of the 20th century as SMCC moves forward into the new millennium. For current students, activities filled each day prior to the "big game." During homecoming week, students, faculty, and staff dressed in school colors, their favorite college attire, camouflage, hillbilly, or hippie clothing. Friday ended the week of spirited "madness" with crazy hair day. This change from the norm placed some people in a different light and allowed others to show their true colors.

A Wednesday "mini" pep rally preceded an extended pep rally in the gymnasium on Thursday night. The annual Homecoming dance, planned and decorated by the Student Government Association, followed the pep rally.

For the weekend, alumni returned home to SMCC to join the festivities, beginning with an alumni and friends golf tournament on Friday and concluding with the football game between Hinds Community College and SMCC on Saturday night. Returning alumni experienced the new, easy access to campus, thanks to the new Hershel Grady Memorial Highway, and learned about future projects, such as the construction of the new Student Union Building.

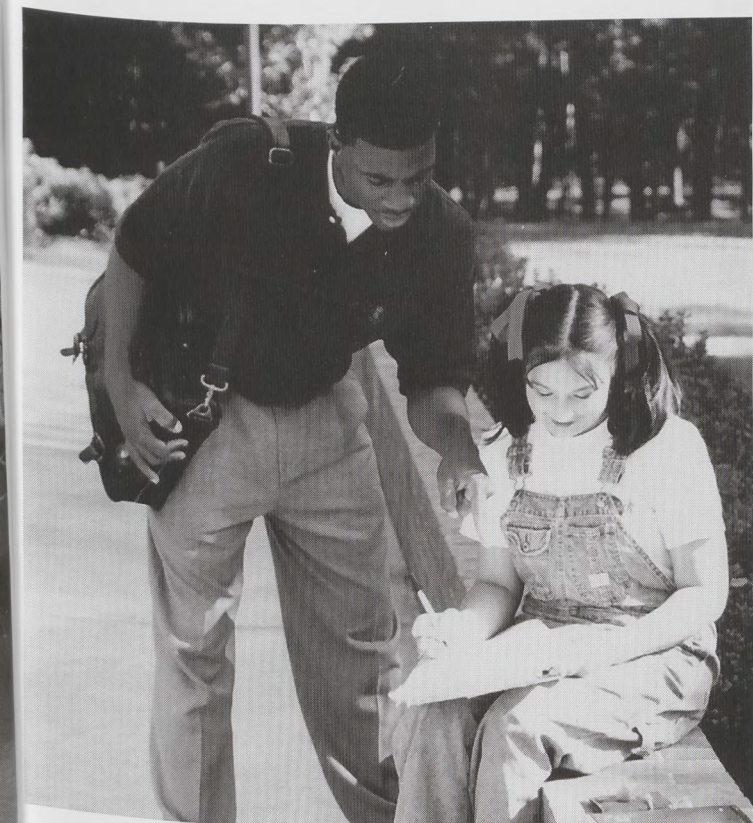
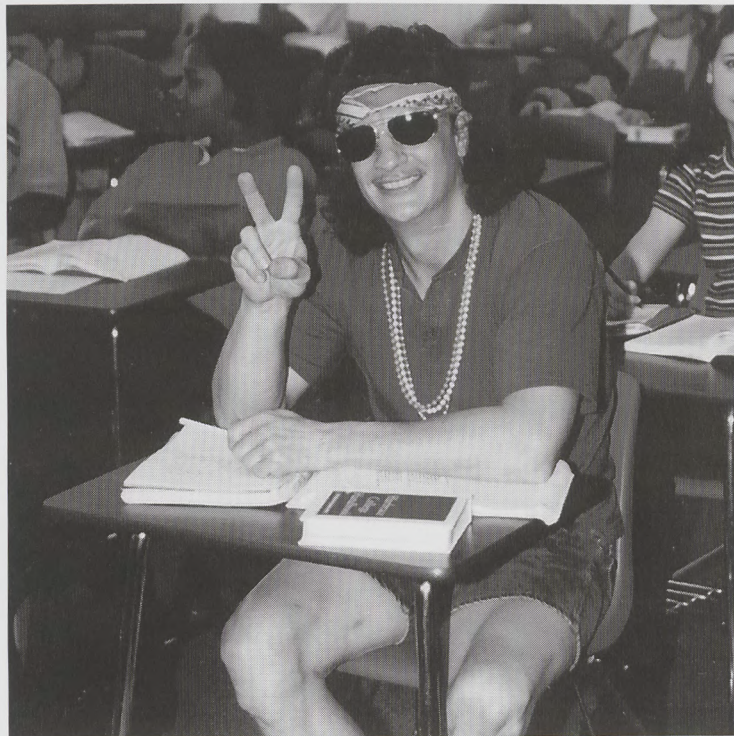
Although the Hinds Eagles flew over the Bears with a 34-10 win, the Eagles failed to snatch the Bear spirit or the many memories Homecoming '99 created. With its mission, its programs, its continued growth, its students, and its supporters, SMCC is well equipped to move into the new millennium to experience at least another 70 years of success.





Years after its debut as a No. 1 hit, "YMCA" remains a crowd pleaser for every generation.

While in Dr. Elaine Coney's Comp I class during Homecoming week, Jerry Breaux learns how to "peace" together grammar, mechanics, and writing styles to form essays.



Helping to "tie" loose ends together for the Homecoming dance, Sophomore class officer Taylor Young sports a metallic blue tie, made by Angela Burch.

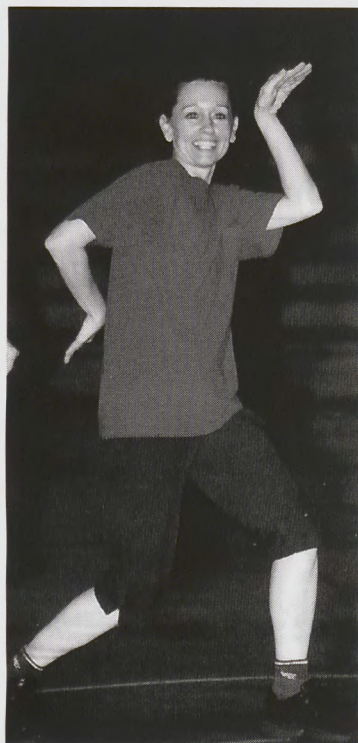
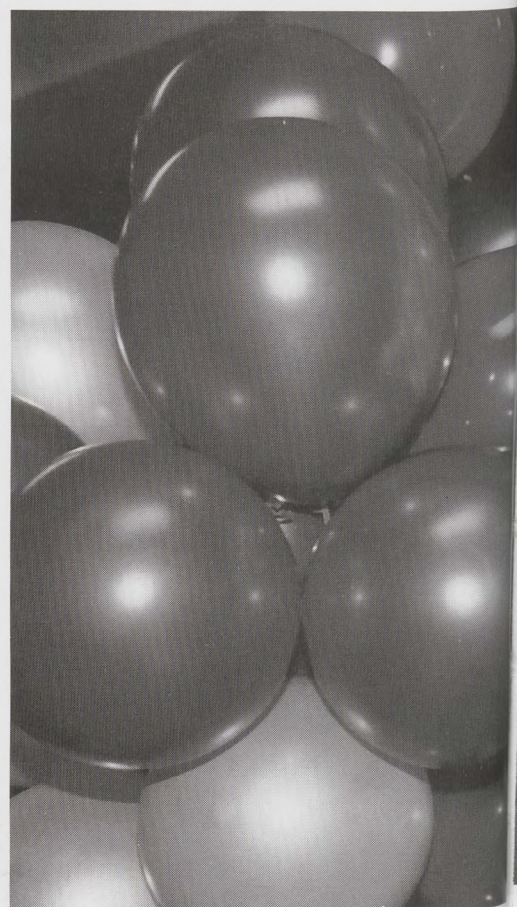
Trading her cheerleader uniform to show her Homecoming spirit as a hillbilly, Lana Seals compares answers with Floyd Patterson after taking Dr. Steve Bishop's speech test.

... and SMCC's 70th Anniversary

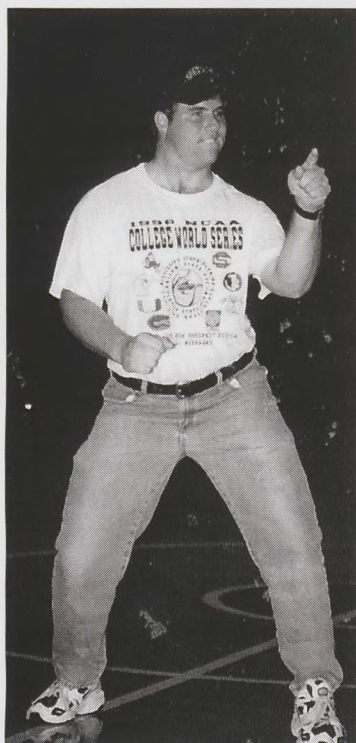
What happens when you mix math and science instructors together during Homecoming week? You get a mixture of hillbilly and hippie, demonstrated by Sue Janes, Amelia Yawn, Mary Guy, Debera Reeves, Dr. Thomas Calhoun, and Laura Calhoun.



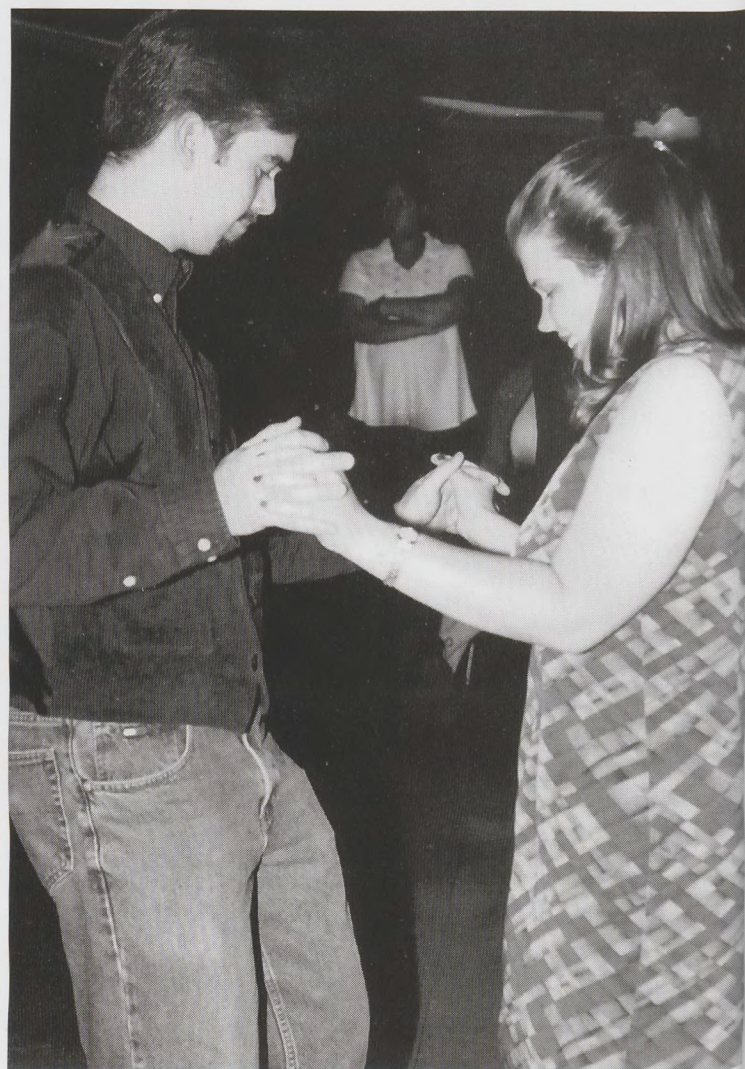
After hours of decorating, Julie Busby wants the balloons to take her to heights far, far away.



Before cheering at the pep rally, instructor Carla Griffin stretches her anatomy into a new Egyptian statue.



Many fans have seen Kelly Reid's moves on the football field, but Bear fans attending the pep rally got a chance to see his moves off the football field.



Chris Sullivan and Miranda Moak avoid stepping on each other's feet, a common hazard in dancing, by keeping a safe distance between them.



The other contestants were green with envy when the applauding crowd voted Stewart Miller Homegoing Queen during the Homecoming pep rally.

Between the Homecoming theme, "Moving Forward in the New Millennium," and the emphasis on SMCC's 70th year of operation as a junior and/or community college, creative juices flowed with ideas for the homecoming pep rally, dance, and displays. Organizations frantically worked to reach new heights in making these ideas realities.

On Thursday night, the gym echoed with chants, cheers, applause, laughter, and music. In addition to the band members and the dance line, instructors joined SMCC cheerleaders to rally behind the Bear team. Dressed in gym attire, the instructors lead the crowd in a hilarious rendition of "Two Bits..." Responding to the thunderous applause, the cheerleaders crowned Stewart Miller as Queen at the "Homegoing" pageant.

Later that night, Student Government Association council members discovered that combining colored spotlights, helium balloons, glitter, athletic uniforms, good food, and loud music causes SMCC students to "jam." With some coaxing, students got faculty members to join the fun. The variety of music furnished by JamBox Productions at the Homecoming dance appealed to all audiences, which further ensured its success.

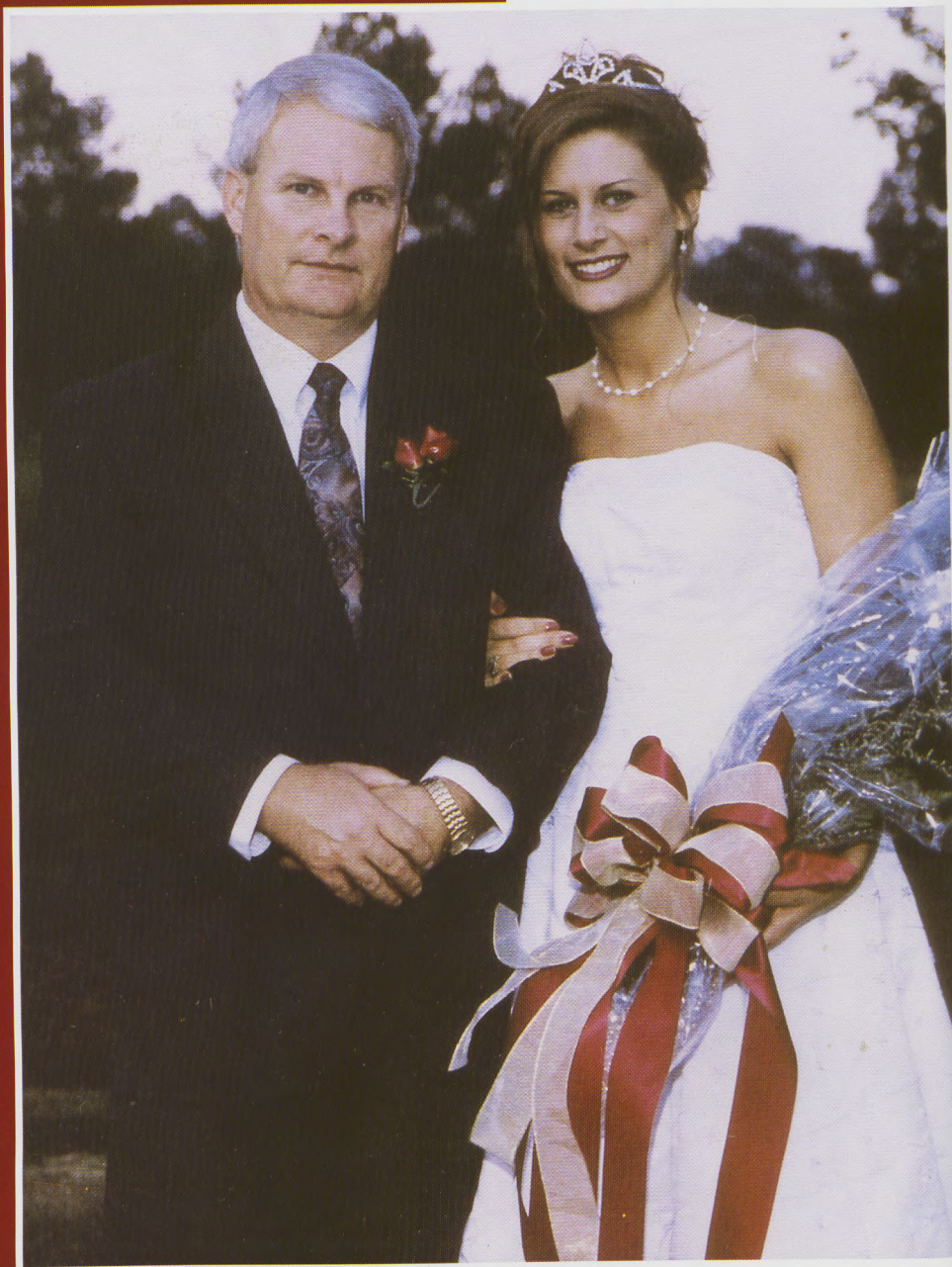
But, after a week of homecoming mania, Saturday morning began early, too early for late risers, as SMCC students sleepily erected displays across campus. With jobs completed and positive comments from observers, however, the construction teams took pride in their accomplishments and decided that their lost sleep was worth their sacrifices.

***"That was the best pep rally I
have ever been to in my life."***

— Angie Beard

HOMECOMING COURT '99

Crown Bearer: Hunter Stewart
Flower Girl: Caitlin Edenfield



Courtney Applewhite
Homecoming Queen

Shanell James
Student Body Maid

Sophomore Maids

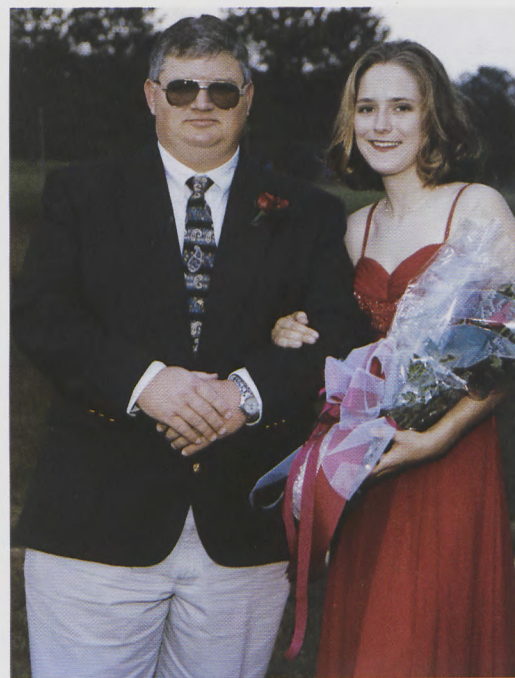
Megan Dykes



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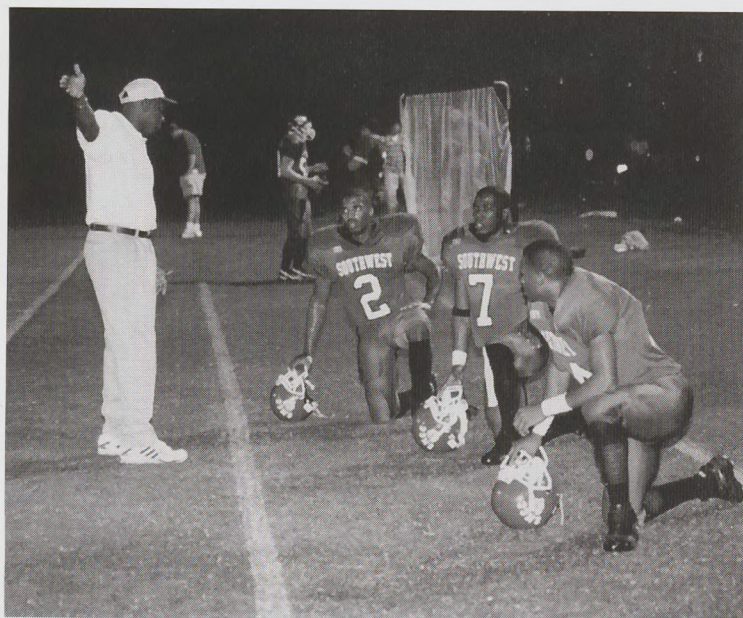


Megan McGinnis

Freshman Maids

Freshman Aaron Alford adds his musical talent to the Marching Band. For Aaron and other freshmen, performing at Homecoming halftime was a highlight in their first year at SMCC.

For Queen Courtney Applewhite and the Maids, Homecoming '99 was a time to remember.

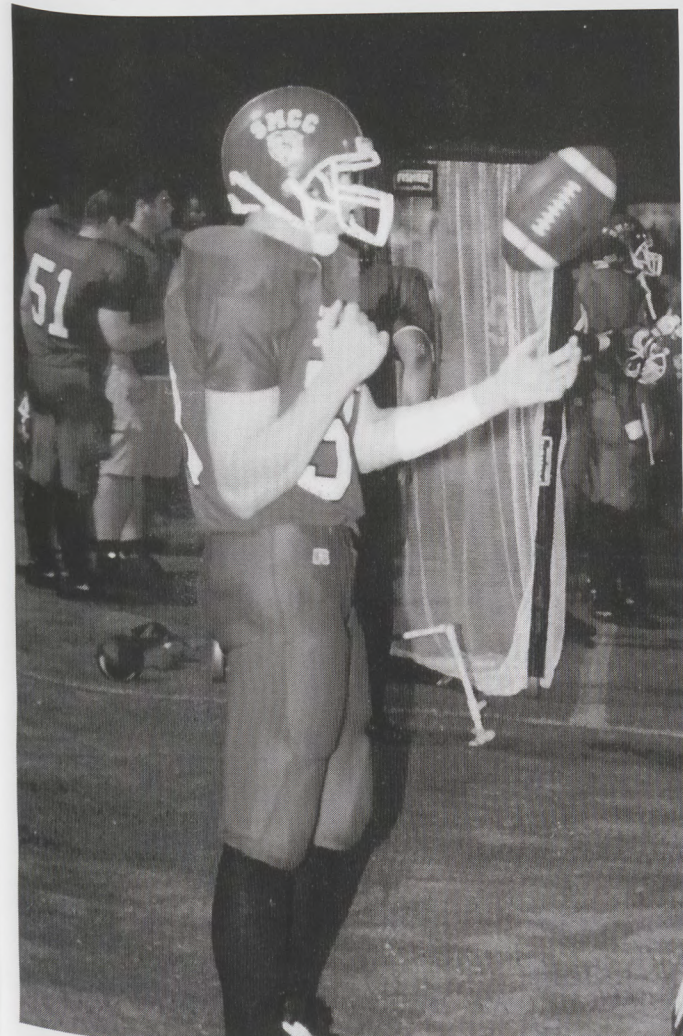


Carmus Haynes, Marquail Wells, and Reggie Anderson gather 'round to receive defensive instructions from Coach Kenny Miller.

Before the halftime show, Sissy Reeves stops twirling long enough to catch the latest Bear play.



Sophomore Maid Megan Dykes waves to the crowd before being formally presented at mid-field.



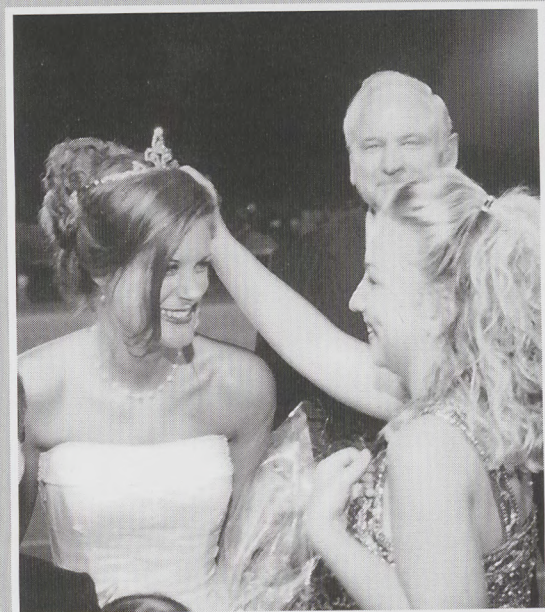
Continually striving to perfect his skills, James Martin practices on the sidelines until called upon to go into action.

Although the campus buzzed with activity and excitement for an entire week, the height of Homecoming '99 for eight young ladies was yet to come. Elected by the SMCC student body, Queen Courtney Applewhite and the Maids of the Court waved to the cheering crowd as they circled the field before being formally introduced at mid-field.

Escorted to their viewing stand, the Court had the perfect view for the forthcoming contest between Hinds and SMCC. Several of the Maids left their honored position several minutes before halftime to change and return to the ranks as Touch of Class dancers. They wanted an active, not passive, part in Homecoming '99.

Students returning to classes the following week saw little, if any, evidence of Homecoming '99. Even though the tangible evidence of displays, deflated balloons, crazy hair, and formal attire vanished, the intangible evidence remained in the air as students looked forward to Homecoming 2000.

1998 Homecoming Queen Desiree Anderson and 1999 Homecoming Queen Courtney Applewhite exchange smiles as well as reigns.



Although Carroll Landry races for the goal line, an Eagle flies from behind to catch him. The Bears evaded attack on the next play and scored SMCC's first touchdown for the night.

Alumni celebrate past, anticipate future

Returning SMCC alumni and friends experienced an equally busy Homecoming. Following the Friday golf tournament at Fernwood Country Club, approximately 35 members from the Classes of '46, '47, and '48 gathered at Mr. Whiskers Restaurant to spend additional time together.

Prior to the presentation of the 1999 Homecoming Court and the match-up between Hinds and SMCC, Saturday's activities began with a picnic in the grove, sponsored by the SMCC Marching Band to honor SMCC alumni, followed by an Alumni Baseball Classic and the annual alumni reception and banquet. During the banquet, W. R. "Billy" Catchings received the Alumnus of the Year Award and Martha Rayborn Hall and Donald Butler were inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame.

Alumnus of the Year recipient Billy Catchings attended Southwest in 1947 and continued his education at Ole Miss where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy. A lifetime member of the Alumni Association and a part of SMCC legacy, Billy was instrumental in the restoration efforts of the Alumni House, also known as Gillis Hall.

After his retirement from Wyeth Laboratories, he served in various building projects and mission trips. In 1997 the Rotary Club awarded him the Service Above Self Award.

Inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame, Martha Rayborn

Hall was a member of the SMCC basketball team from 1968-1969. At SMCC, she was also a member of the cheerleading squad, tennis and volleyball teams, and intramural ping pong champion. Hall was chosen most outstanding athlete and ranked third in the state in women's tennis. After SMCC, Martha continued her education at Mississippi State College for Women where she was captain of the 1971 National Basketball Championship Team. Hall currently resides in Florida and teaches at Melbourne High School.

Sports Hall of Fame inductee Donald Butler, a Liberty native, was a 1955 SMCC graduate. At SMCC, Butler played half-back for the Bears. After SMCC, Butler graduated from the F. B. I. Academy in Washington, D. C. During his lifelong commitment to public service and law enforcement, Butler served as interim commissioner of the Mississippi Highway Patrol from 1978-1982. Then, Governor Bill Allain appointed Butler Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics. Following his 1986 retirement, Butler continues to serve - first as Deputy Fire Marshall and currently as chief deputy for the Amite County Sheriff Department.

Thus, the 1999 Homecoming Honorees not only served SMCC during their time here, but they have also continued to serve long after their years at SMCC ended.

Lined up to begin the tournament, each player knew that one team would emerge victorious, but at the beginning of the day, all had an equal start.



W. R. "Billy" Catchings
Alumnus of the Year



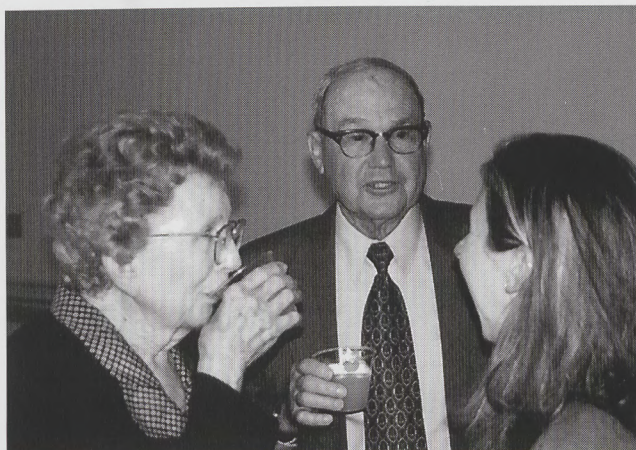
Martha Rayborn Hall
Sports Hall of Fame



Donald Butler
Sports Hall of Fame

Alumni Honorees

President Holmes and Brenda Coleman take a moment to relive the past.



The alumni reception gave SMCC supporters Mr. and Mrs. Olsen Stogner an opportunity to talk to Bear Tracker Adrienne Garner about current events at SMCC.



Dean Oliver Young and Martha Jackson engage in a lively conversation. The alumni reception brought administrators, faculty, students, and alumni members together to discuss the favorite topic of all - SMCC!



While others enjoy the alumni reception, Doris Vaccarella and Paul Dixon mix business with pleasure by discussing alumni affairs.

As Vester Newcomb awaits his turn, Richard Campbell plans to swing his team to victory.

New Faces, New Places

Classes, sports, stage band performances, homecoming events, pep rallies, and student elections consumed most of the SMCC student's time during the Fall '99 semester. While these events captured campus attention, other activities caught campus participation on a smaller scale.

During the semester, the various mini-events transformed the daily drive through campus into an adventure. Gala '99, an annual charity event for Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center, featured Alabama. Campus buzzed with excitement as the Alabama crew invaded campus and the Fine Arts Auditorium in preparation for the concert. SMCC opened its auditorium doors for the charity event, and several SMCC students served as hosts for the evening.

In October, witches, gypsies, and goblins roamed the campus as children from the Child Care Center paraded through the Administration building and Kenna Hall. Across campus in the recreational building, passers-by heard occasional moans and groans from blood donors who will-

ingly "gave it up" in the annual blood drive to help others in need.

One November morning the student population increased as students from several neighboring high schools toured campus to learn more about college life and career choices and to gain "the feel" of the college setting. Given a pre-established schedule, students independently found their way to sessions of chosen interest in buildings across campus. Bear Trackers, SMCC's student ambassadors, waited nearby to help any lost or frenzied student get "back on track."

The Christmas Stage Band performances of "Home for the Holidays" furnished the perfect fall semester finale. On December 2, 1999, approximately 1,000 excited elementary students brought life to an empty auditorium as the Stage Band entertained this young crowd in an abbreviated, afternoon performance specifically designed for this young audience.

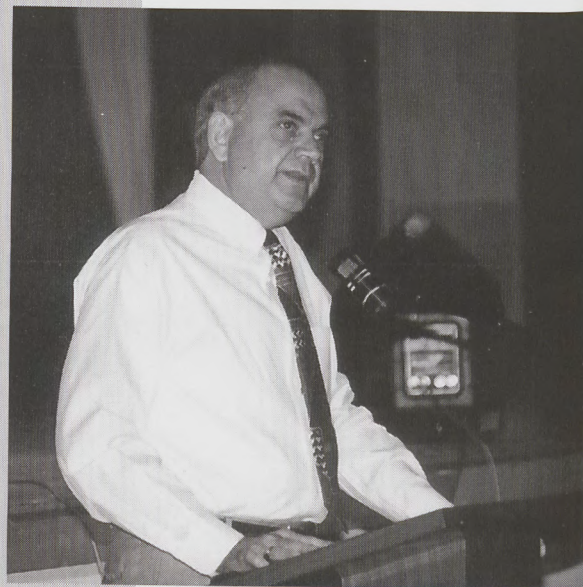
Bear Tracker Connie Taylor holds her sign high so that touring high school students can find her. Before beginning their busy morning of college life, visiting students received a warm welcome from President Holmes and Reflection.



Trisha Whalen utters no sound, yet her face says it all.



During a fall assembly, Pike County Circuit Clerk Roger Graves encouraged students to vote in upcoming elections.

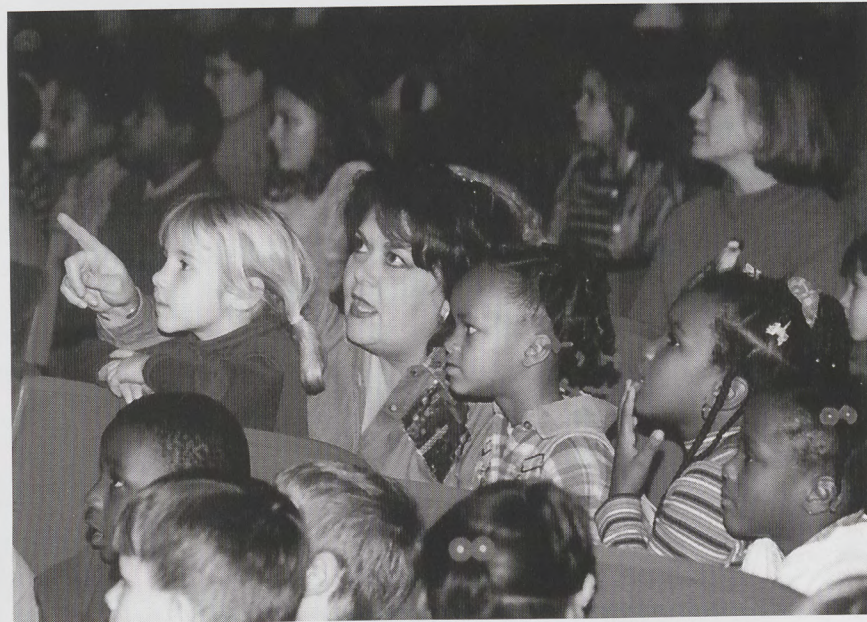


Tiffany Walker takes one last look before beginning her flight across campus.

EMT/Paramedic Technology student Cam Sharp takes a hands-on approach to demonstrate lifesaving techniques to visiting seniors.



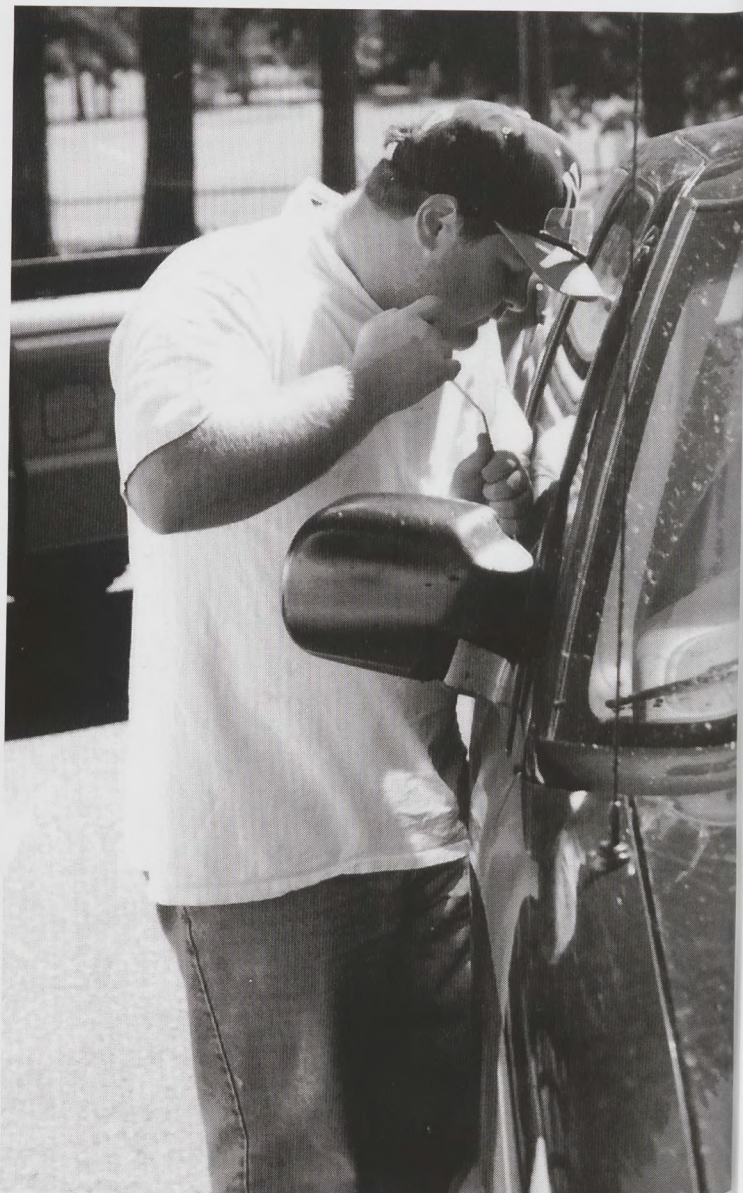
Their home may be in Alabama, but for one night, Alabama made McComb, Mississippi, their home as they entertained the enthusiastic crowd at Gala '99 in the Fine Arts Auditorium.



Before going home for Christmas holidays, falling snow, songs, dances, and colorful lights kept Ganeath Brewer's kindergarten class from North Pike Elementary School on the edge of their seats during the Stage Band production of "Home for the Holidays."

Waiting to begin the annual Halloween parade, Molly Stringer "brews up" a smile. Children from the Child Care Center marched through their building and across the street to "spook" SMCC faculty and staff.

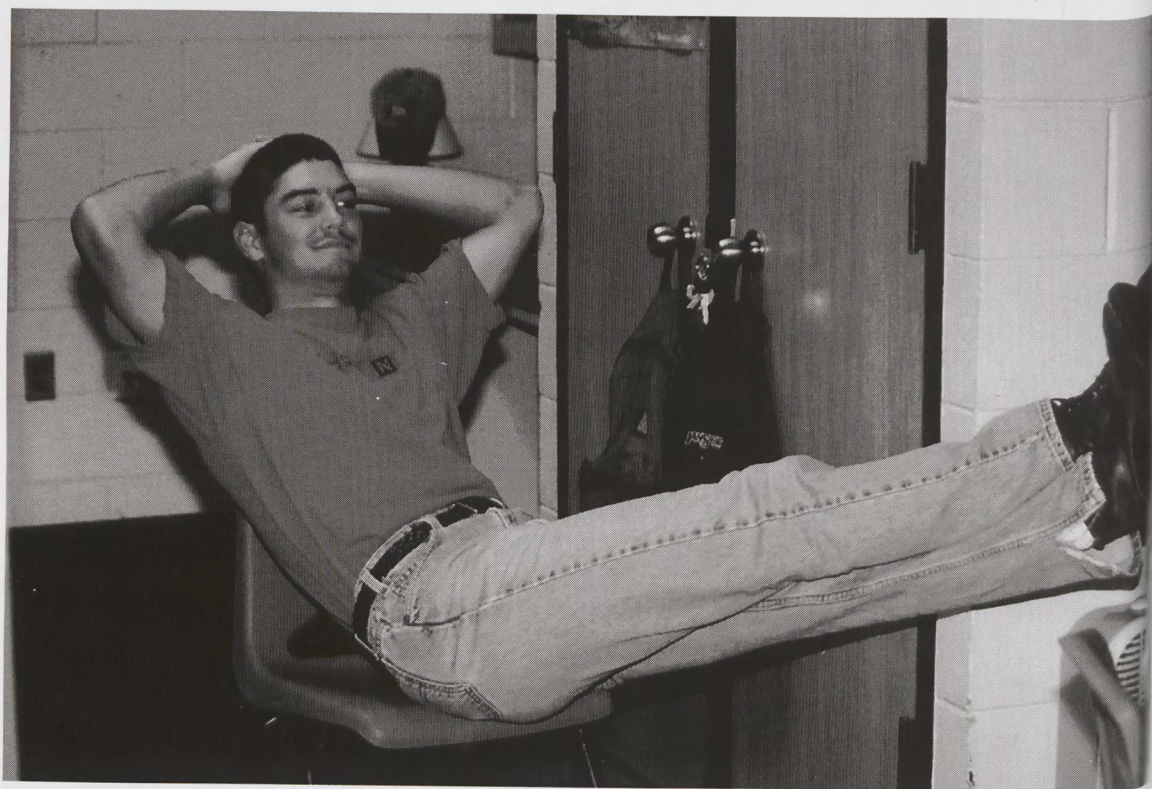
Chris Frost demonstrates a familiar pastime for many SMCC students — retrieving locked keys.



Anesa Charles welcomes all guests to her “new home,” even unexpected ones.



After a busy day of classes, Jason Chabreck retreats to the dorm, props his feet, relaxes, and watches TV.





Although Fall '99 mini-events brought new faces to campus, these new faces faded as quickly as the events and the semester. For the typical SMCC student beginning classes in August, one look across the classroom, dorm suite, student union, or grill revealed many new faces in new places. By final exams, however, these new faces had turned into familiar faces and new friendships, and dorms had become homes away from home.

Through the experience, SMCC students and visitors reached new heights in adapting to the diversity of a college community.

Erica Simmons adds the finishing touches to her salad. Students have a choice of the regular food line or soup, salad, sandwich, and potato bar.



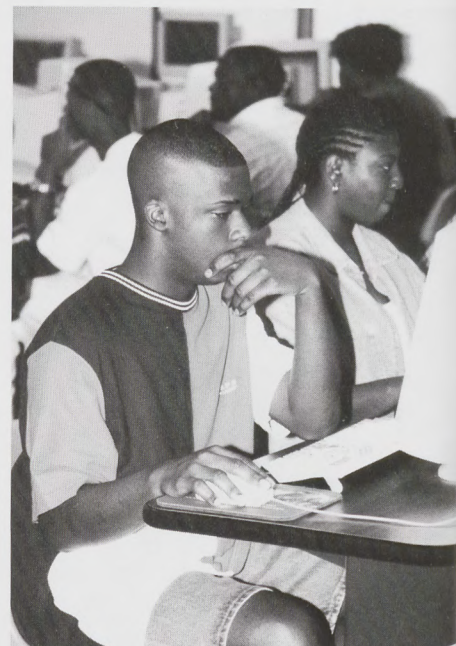
Warm, fall afternoons allow Tyree Carter, Oscar Davis, and Rodney Magee the opportunity to play a friendly game of cards.

HEIGHTS

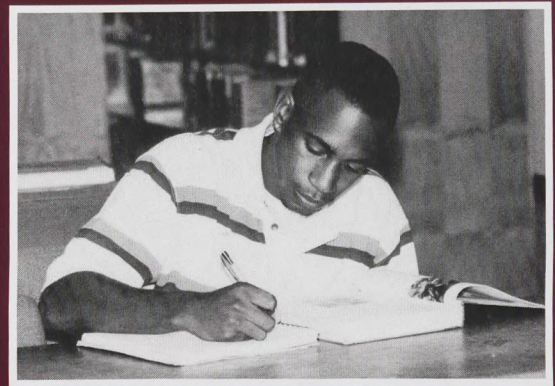
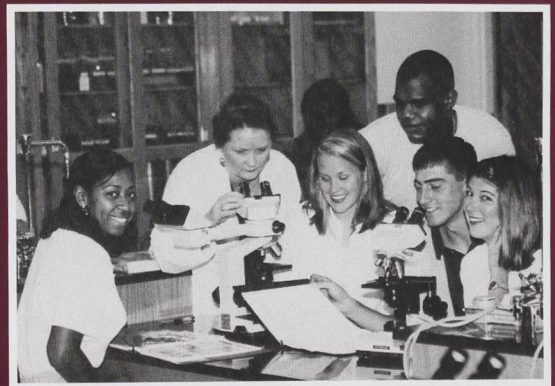
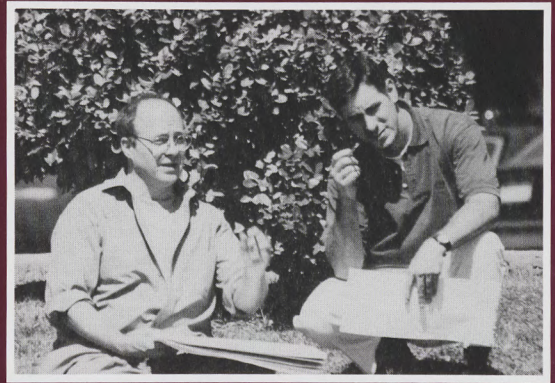
Reaching New

One drive through campus quickly reveals the focus of SMCC students' daily routine - classes. Students scurry from class to class, from one side of the campus to the other, to receive an education. Classrooms, laboratories, or shop settings function as focal points of learning. Attending an educational institution that provides many vocational-technical and academic programs, SMCC students gain experience for the workforce after completing a two-year program or they gain foundations for continued academic growth at a four-year institutional setting. Whatever their personal choice of study while attending SMCC, SMCC students succeed in reaching new academic heights.

Working with computers requires patience and concentration. Students Patrick Holmes and Laquanda Dillon exhibit both.



The next time you have your car serviced or repaired, April Reynolds may be the automotive technician. More and more women are finding their way into what was once "male only" fields.



Academics

Reaching new heights in...

Business/Computers

Current classes hold future leaders and decision-makers. In order for these SMCC students to make sound decisions in their future endeavors, they must have knowledge regarding both the business world and computers.

To gain this knowledge, SMCC students receive instruction in norms, standard deviations, debits, credits, supply, demand, and legal issues through business courses in Statistics, Economics, Accounting, Legal Environment of Business, or Real Estate. While Introduction to Computer classes attract the novice, the experienced "computer buffs" prefer the challenge of computer programming classes.

With the new millennium fast approaching, fears of Y2K escalate. Yet, SMCC instructors and technicians ensure that students using campus computers or purchasing computers avoid the Y2K "bug" by upgrading equipment and by educating students about basic computer purchase specifications.

Business and computer technology - both very much alive, both ever changing. Equipping themselves for their future, their places in the new millennium, SMCC students constantly reach new heights in business and computers.



Knowing your left from your right and up from down may be simple tasks to some, but Cecelia Brister stresses to her Accounting students the importance of placing debits and credits in the proper columns and to her Economics students the importance of reading upsloping and downsloping graphs.



Using the latest technology will help computer programming students like Casey Clark excel in the workplace.

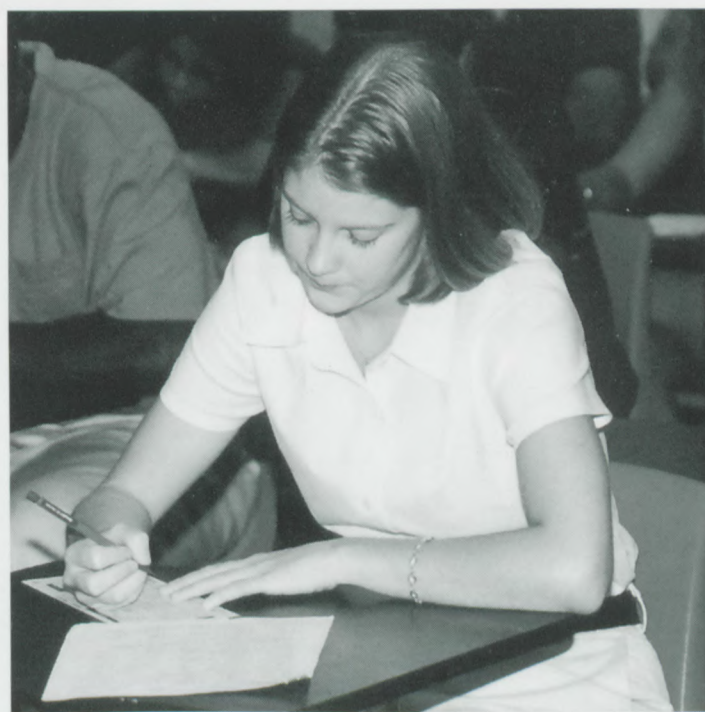
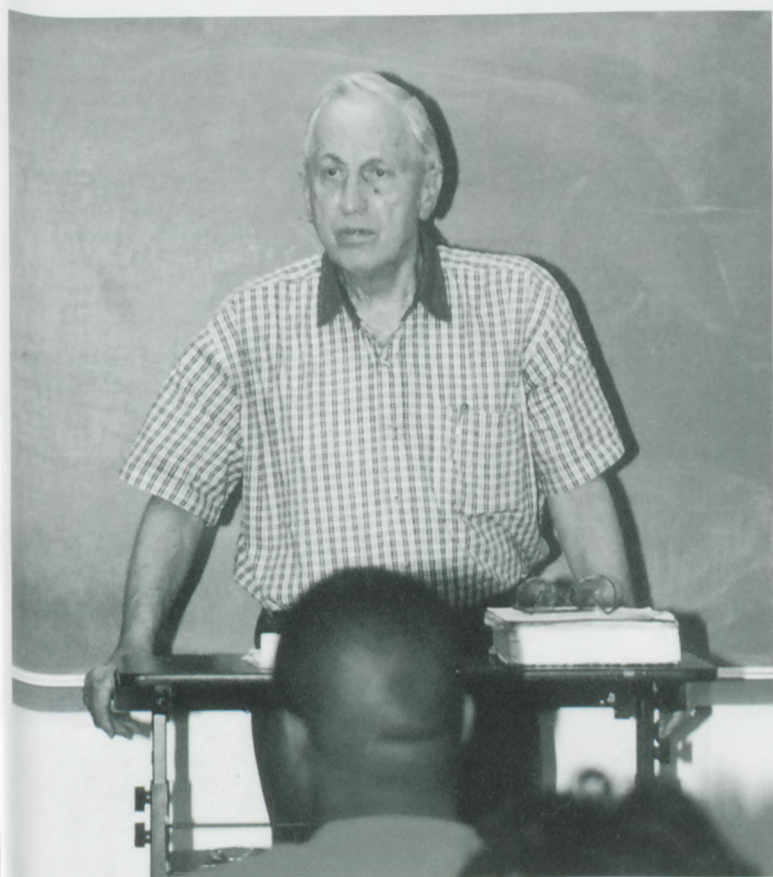
Testing her students' "drive" to understand computers, Sally Coulter hand delivers her first quiz of the semester.





Between taking classes and working in the Humanities Lab and Library-Learning Resources Center, Gloria Van Norman remains patient with and helpful to each student she assists.

For the average person trying to balance his/her check-book, a calculator is a luxury. To accounting students like Sarah Gerald, a calculator is a must.



Rather than touching the keyboard for this day's class, Heather Weaver uses her "finger skills" to complete her Introduction to Computer test.

Instructor Charles Carruth defines the "textbook definition" of *trespassing* and warns his students of the consequences of violating these laws.

Reaching new heights in...

Social Sciences

Part of campus life includes adjusting to students with diversified backgrounds. Attending SMCC after leaving a typical school setting in which students have spent twelve years with the same group of students, many SMCC students get their first glimpse of diversified social behaviors from students in neighboring communities, high schools, and states. Thus, their first encounter with the social sciences is a personal one.

The classroom becomes the formal focal point for social science study. SMCC students learn through history classes how past events affect them today. Through classroom discussions of current events, history instructors help students understand their role in the creation of "current" history. Psychology courses help students understand their own thoughts as well as the thoughts and actions of others. Sociology classes examine behaviors of various groups of people rather than focusing on individual behaviors. Honors Forum assignments force students to examine leaders and to discover their own leadership qualities.

Therefore, courses in Western Civilization, American History, Federal Government, Honors Forum, Sociology, General Psychology, Child Psychology, Human Growth and Development, and Marriage and Family provide a means for SMCC students to reach new heights in understanding themselves and others through social sciences.



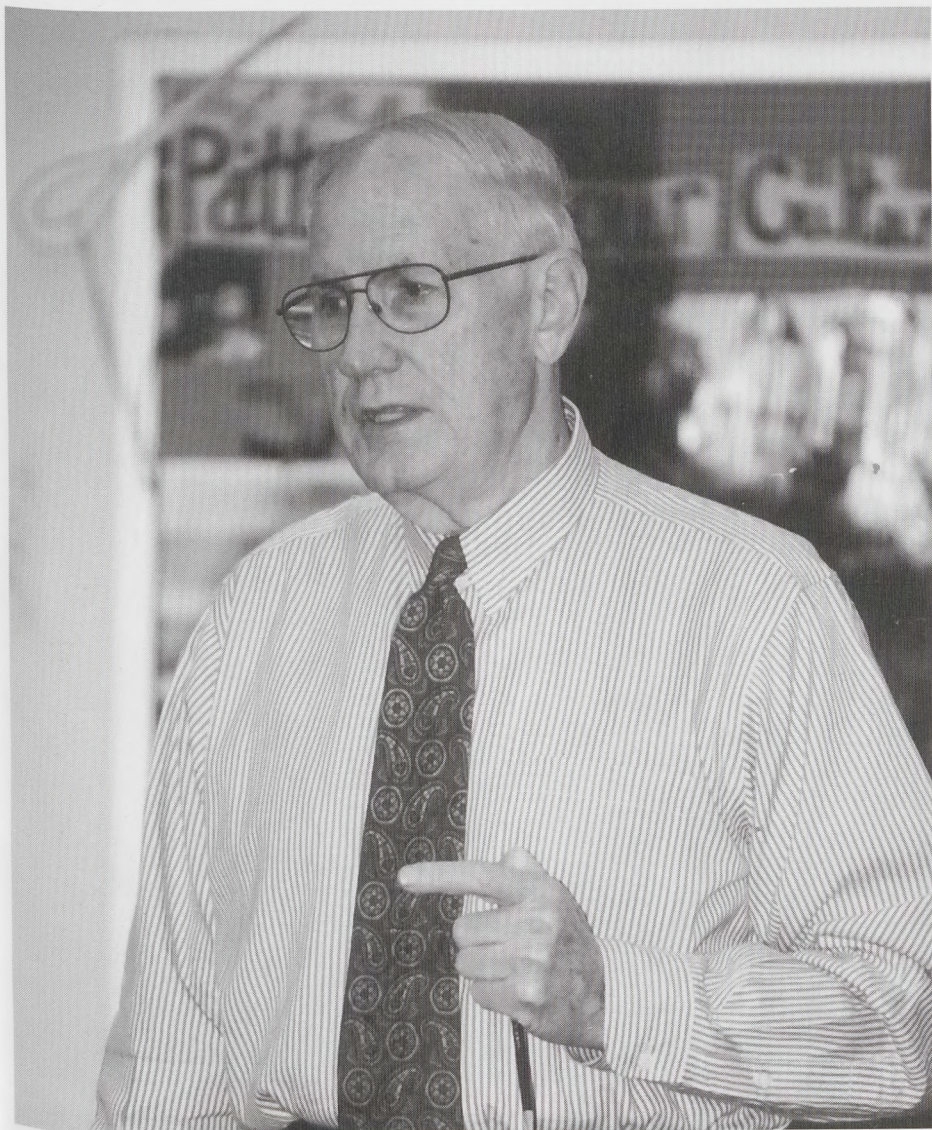
Part-time instructor Susan Hedges leads her Sociology students in a discussion about cultural differences within the class.



Keeping her history students current, Instructor Merrielyn Ginn distributes handouts from recent journals.



As an instructor of Personal and Community Health classes, Butch Holme categorizes the various drugs sold by prescription or over-the-counter.



Not looking at any written lecture notes, Instructor Sam McKinney's impeccable memory amazes his Federal Government and Sociology students each year. In addition to his teaching duties, he serves as department chair and a member of many committees across campus.

Enthusiastically contributing to the discussion about cultural differences, Sociology student Tommy Hennesy relates his experiences with cultural differences between his small community and people from neighboring states.



Does watching television affect the actions of its viewers? That is the question Professor Pat Price and her psychology class debate.

Coach Larry Holmes lays aside his strategies and plans for the upcoming baseball season to trace the routes and plans of early American explorers.

Reaching new heights in... **Languages**

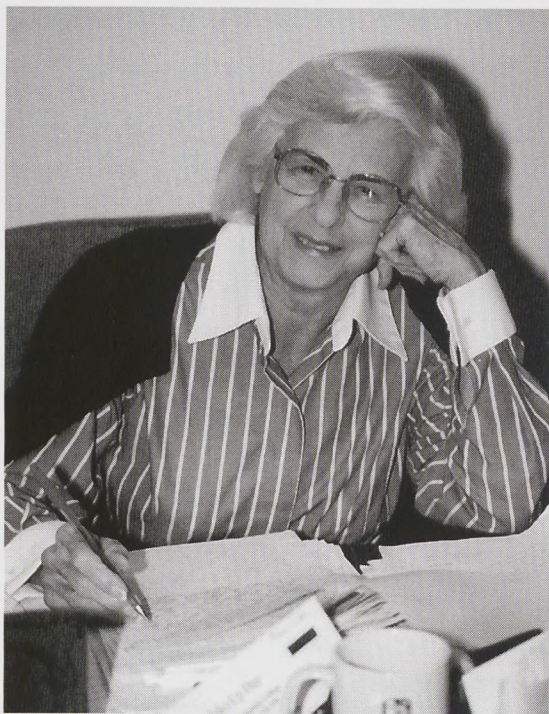
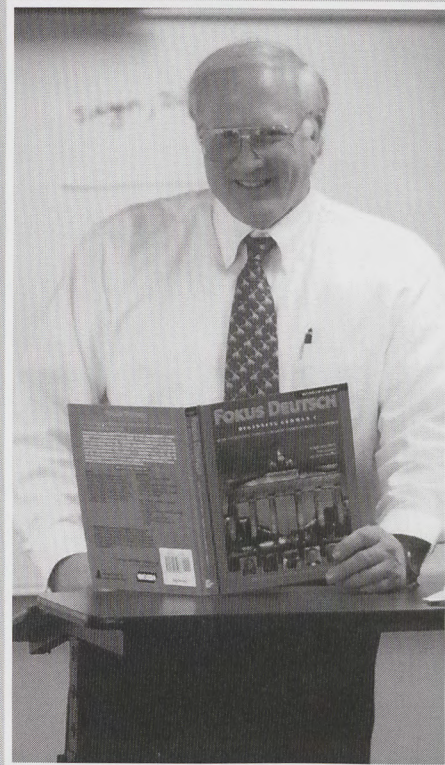
Whether you are a etudiant, estudiante, der Student, or die Studentinnen, a student in any language is important at SMCC. Here, opportunities abound for both written and oral language study.

Students improve their writing and research skills in English Composition, expand their understanding of grammatical structure and mechanics in Traditional Grammar, and explore the history, development, and noted works of the English language in British Literature classes. Even though students have no difficulty communicating with friends in casual conversation, Oral Communications, required for SMCC graduation, brings fear, and often tears, to these same students. Before long, however, fears turn to triumphs as students learn how to develop and present information to an audience of their peers.

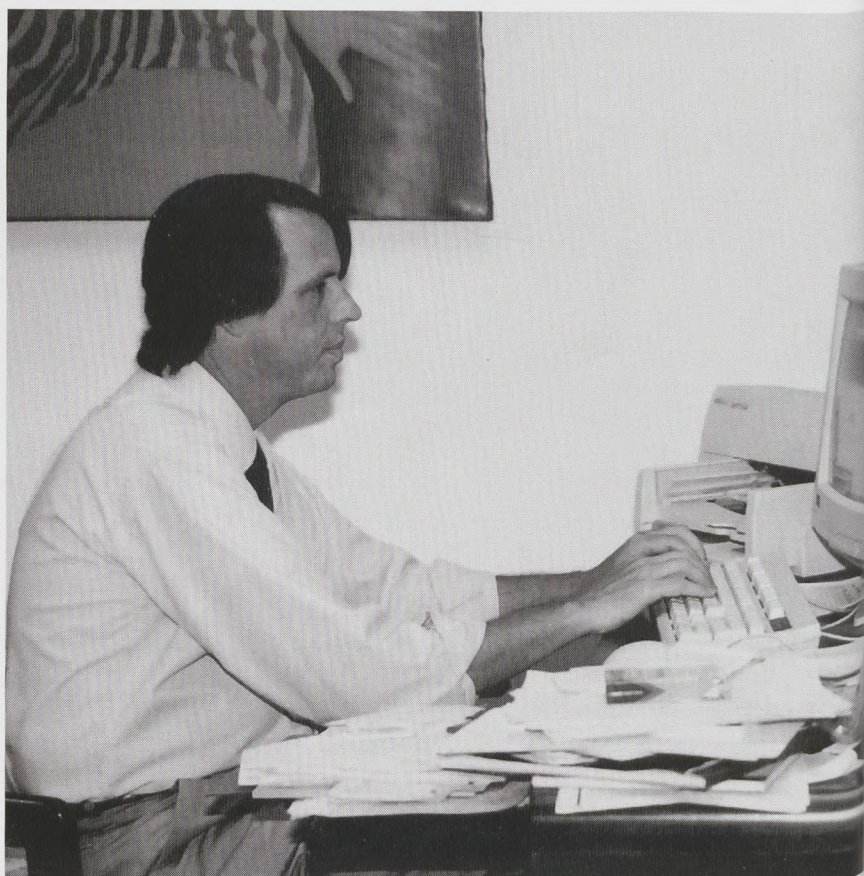
Although English is the native tongue for SMCC students, those desiring to expand their horizons add French, German, or Spanish to their curriculum. Foreign language instructors provide rich environments to immerse their students into the language, culture, and customs of a second language.

During their two years at SMCC, students are constantly reaching new heights in writing and speaking both foreign and native languages.

Taking a break from his administrative duties, Dean Bill Johnson enjoys speaking in other languages, specifically German.



With pen in hand, Dr. Jeanne Williams marks grammatical errors on student essays. When students correct these errors, they learn from their mistakes and improve their writing skills.

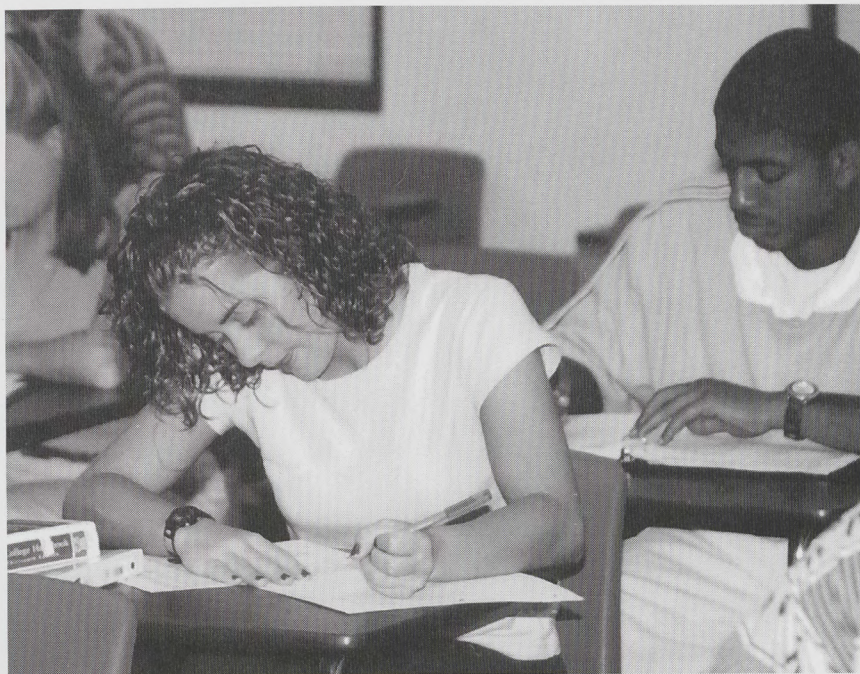


Between classes, James O'Rourke utilizes the Internet to find supplemental materials for classroom instruction.



Although most students fear public speaking, Melane Crosby “clowns around” with her speech.

In Mrs. May’s Comp I class, Heather Satterfield and Broderick Leonard waste no time in beginning their assigned essays.



The familiar story of the “Three Little Pigs” takes an unfamiliar tone in Spanish when read by students Julie Busby, Beth Celoria, and Shenita Woods.

Proper enunciation in any language is important, as shown by Dr. Elaine Coney, instructor of French, Spanish, and English.

Reaching new heights in... **Fine Arts**

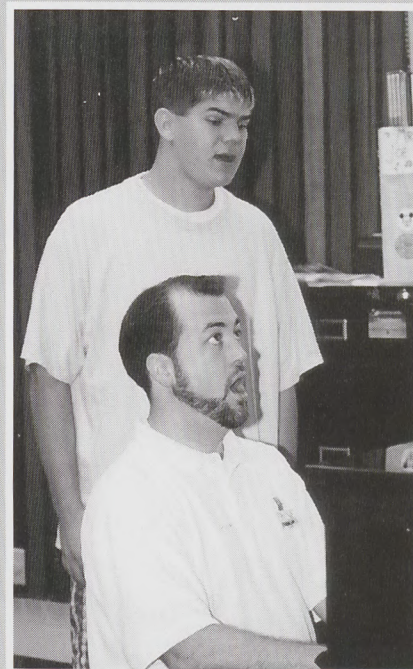
One step inside the Fine Arts Building and even new SMCC students know their location. Music fills the air from every direction. Through every door, you find SMCC students busy sketching one- or two-point perspectives, singing musical scales, practicing assigned piano pieces, dancing in preparation for upcoming performances, or listening to lectures about the arts.

But, the artistic flow does not end in this one building. Across campus in the Brumfield Building, prospective elementary teachers, taught by Instructor Virginia Burrows, learn practical projects to help their future students reach artistic heights.

On sunny days, instructor Dub Brock moves his students outdoors to catch the perfect lighting. With sketch pads in hand, students position themselves on hillsides, under trees, or out in the open to capture the beauty of SMCC.

Regardless of whether you look inside the classroom, auditorium, practice room, instructor's office, or campus landscape, you find SMCC students reaching new artistic heights.

Combining voices into one smooth blend, Joe Elliott assists Michael Graves in reaching the high notes of the musical scale.



After a discussion about one- and two-point perspectives, art instructor Dub Brock puts a new perspective into the drawings of Yshelia Holmes and Devon Simmons.

With one simple stroke of the brush, Teri Reagan adds colorful details to her artistic creation in Art for Elementary Teachers.





After many hours of practice during the week, Kimberly Prentiss has the opportunity to show Connie Lambuth her progress.

Meeting twice weekly, Reflection singers and dancers demonstrate the fruits of their labor in their various performances with the Stage Band throughout the year.



Finding solitude in her office, music instructor Carolyn Smith takes advantage of the privacy to review a few additional historical facts before teaching her Music History I class.

After making positive comments regarding Sonia Woodward's painting, art teacher Virginia Burrows suggests ways to enhance its beauty.

Reaching new heights in...

Mathematics

Some consider math a welcomed challenge; others consider math a worrisome course. Regardless of each student's outlook, math is a required course for SMCC graduation. Understanding the diversity in mathematic backgrounds, SMCC offers math courses spanning many levels of difficulty, beginning with elementary algebra and progressing to Calculus IV or Differential Equations. Required math labs coincide with classroom instruction in some math areas to aid SMCC students.

Students majoring in elementary education enroll in Real Numbers, taught only during fall semesters. Here, these future teachers get their first glimpse of life as a teacher. They must discipline themselves to work independently to complete assignments on time. For those individuals needing additional assistance on the way, Dr. Thomas Calhoun steps in to explain the mathematical concepts.

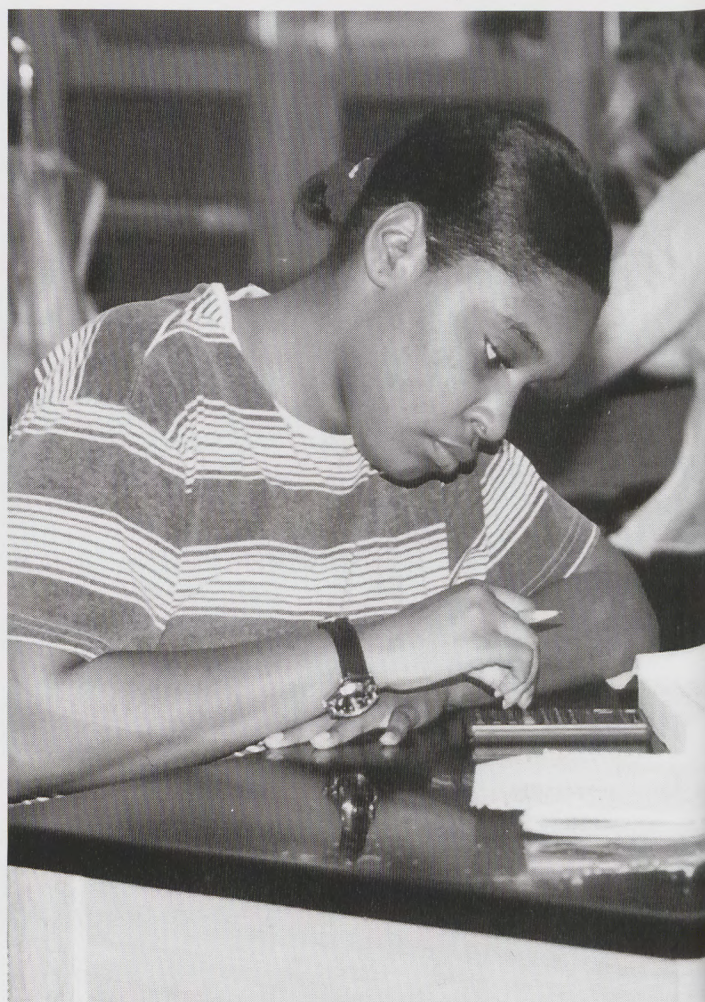
Therefore, qualified mathematics instructors combine typical classroom instruction with individualized one-on-one instruction to ensure that SMCC students reach new heights in mathematics.

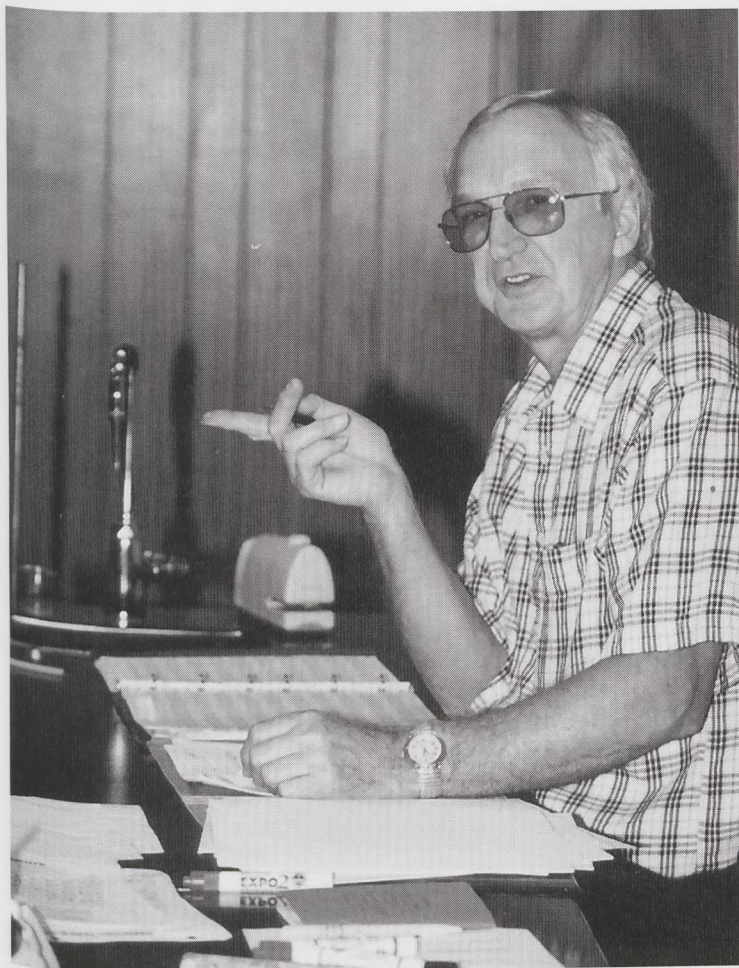
Melane Crosby stops long enough from working Real Numbers to ask Dr. Calhoun a question.



With calculator nearby, Andy Morris is ready to answer any algebra questions Mrs. Laura Calhoun points his direction.

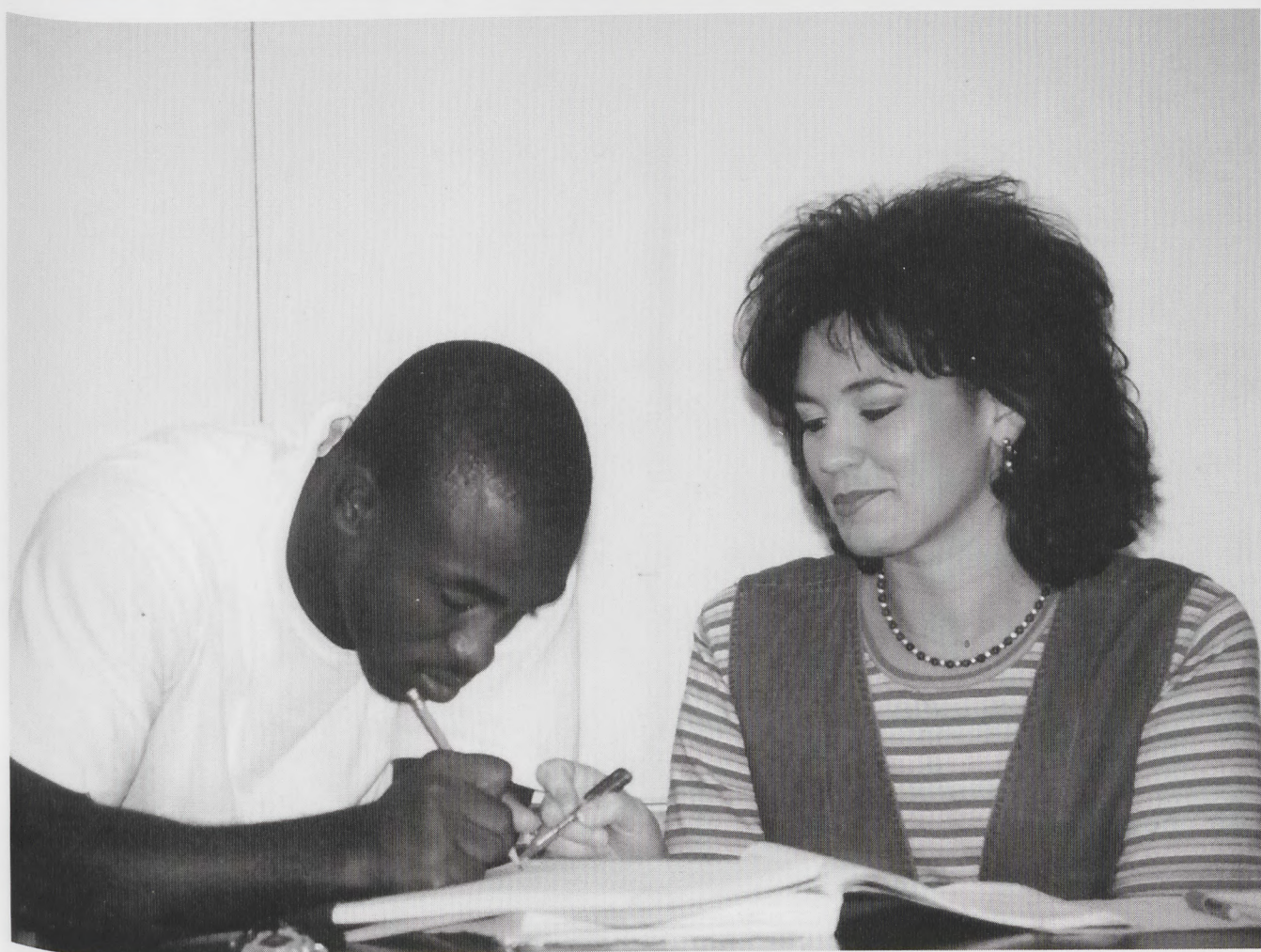
Realizing that an algebra instructor stands nearby to answer any questions, Farrah Ross takes advantage of her time in math lab to work algebra assignments.





In spite of his many duties and responsibilities at SMCC, Dr. Thomas Calhoun still finds time to point out the advantages of becoming a teacher.

Never taking her eyes off the board in Dr. Calhoun's trigonometry class, Valyncia Taylor keeps her pencil ready to label every angle and side of the right triangle.



Finding one concept difficult to grasp, Otto Bonds goes to algebra instructor Debera Reeves for addition assistance. She quickly finds his mistake.

Reaching new heights in...

Sciences

Strange smells fill the nostrils of SMCC students as they pass by the many laboratories in the W. S. Bryan Science Building. From formaldehyde in one lab to Bunsen burners in another, SMCC students gain hands-on experience through laboratory experiments in Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, Microbiology, Physics, Physical Science, and Chemistry in preparation for their futures as teachers, nurses, pharmacists, physical therapists, dentists, doctors, or medical technologists.

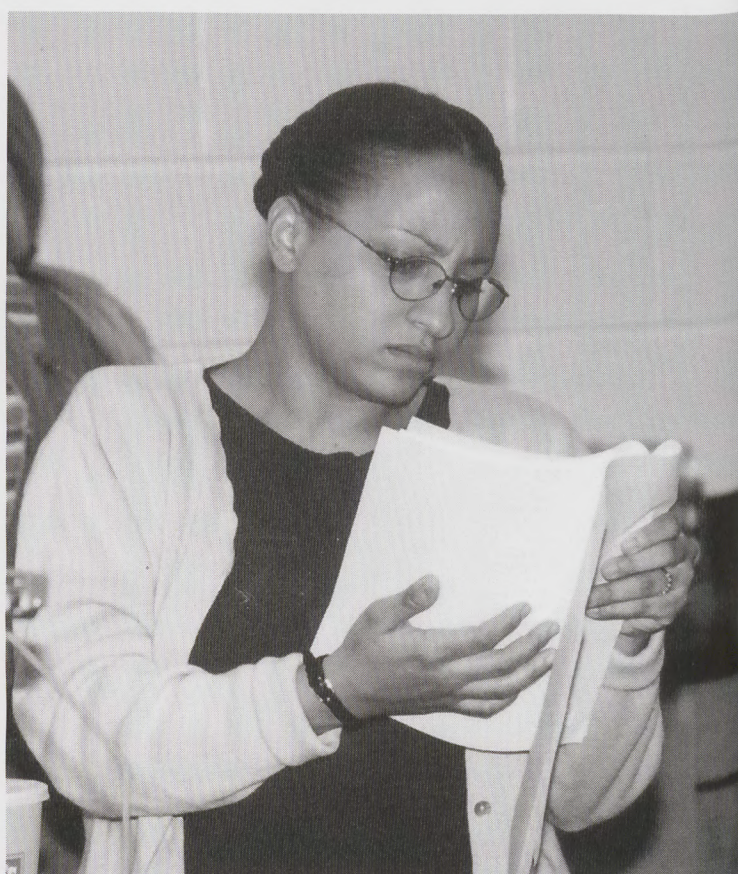
The sight of dissecting or slides of bacteria leave some students feeling queasy, but others stare in amazement and wonder as they receive a better understanding of themselves. Physics allows SMCC students to see why matter "behaves" in various forms. Chemistry demonstrates the chemical reactions or interactions of components seen in daily living. Biology explains the basic concepts of both plant and animal life.

Whatever the form of science SMCC students study, they leave their courses having reached new scientific heights.

Proving she has the biggest heart on campus, Anatomy and Physiology instructor Carla Griffin lifts a dissected cow heart higher for her students to get a better view as she explains its parts and functions.



Aided by lab manuals and Lakesha Boddie, Lisa Matthew cuts into the "heart of things" while Candace Beck assists.



Cheryl Burton often finds her physics results puzzling, but she quickly puts the physics pieces together to see the whole picture.



Chemistry students Brad Waldrop and Brittany Birdsong watch as Mary Guy demonstrates her years of experience in lighting Bunsen burners.

Zoology instructor Bud Culley watches the collaborative efforts of Candice Floyd and Regina Porter and listens for newfound knowledge between the two classmates.



Moving from station to station, biology instructor Amelia Yawn assists Joyce Brown, Chassidy Braswell, and Christy Rollins in transforming a plastic bag, Knox gelatin, and chocolate-covered raisins into a replica of a cell.



Looking through microscopes, Alisha Robertson and other microbiology students examine slides and discover the many types of bacteria humans encounter daily through normal contact with common surfaces.

Reaching new heights in...

Health Occupations

Perhaps you've noticed the students on campus with rolling bookbags. If so, more than likely they were nursing students who needed these moving bookbags to transport their books to and from class. With continued research, health information increases rapidly, as well as the need for knowledgeable health care professionals.

Realizing the importance of these health care personnel, SMCC offers programs for a career in health occupations. After fulfilling necessary requirements, SMCC students may choose the twelve-week Nursing Assistant program, the one-year Licensed Practical Nursing program, or the two-year Associate Degree Nursing program. In these programs, nursing students listen to lectures, study for hours, and work in clinical settings to prepare themselves for their chosen careers. At the end of their time at SMCC, these same students must pass standardized tests to demonstrate their proficiency in their nursing area.

The difficult, rigorous, often stressful nursing curriculum tests students' patience and endurance at times. Yet, those who survive, those who go the distance reach new heights toward obtaining a career in health occupations.

To accommodate large classes of potential nurses, ADN instructors like Rebecca Wilson rely on overheads and microphones to project information.



Highlighting important information while reading assignments and during lectures, Cynthia Pinion and other ADN nursing students often discover that they have marked their entire book with bright, neon colors.



After taking Bill Baker's blood pressure, Shanell Grabert gets LPN instructor Dixie Canton to verify her reading.



Although the ADN students feel "loaded down" with information, instructor Helen Whittington carries a load of necessary instructional material as well.

Completing their 12-week Nurse Assistant program, Sylvia Smith, LaSonya Brown, Lakeisha Peters, Kronnetra Griffin, Melissa Upkins, Beatrice Gordon, Alitha Youngblood, Carylon Archie, and Melody Cowart refuse to let the cloudy, misty, October weather dampen their graduation day.



Nursing instructor Joy Clayton takes time after class to conference with Christine Sharkey and other freshmen ADN students about hospital clinicals.

Through continued practice, Latricia Coney, Bessie Matthews, and Kathy Dunaway make performing initial diagnostic evaluations of pulse rates and blood pressures look easy.

Reaching new heights in...

Vocational - Technical

With technological advancements occurring daily, the new millennium will necessitate increased technical knowledge and application. With its many diverse programs, SMCC gives traditional and non-traditional students an opportunity to find a program that prepares them for the workforce. SMCC students who do not want to attend a four-year institution can complete their training, obtain a degree or certificate, and enter the workforce well-prepared to meet the demands of the new millennium.

Walking through instructional areas in the vocational-technical division, one finds students actively preparing for the future through technical and vocational programs. Technical programs include

child development, computer information systems, automotive, diesel, electrical, office systems, law enforcement, machine shop, marketing management, robotics, and well construction. SMCC's newest technical program is Emergency Medical Technology/Paramedics. Vocational programs include carpentry, cosmetology, heating, air-conditioning, refrigeration, and welding.

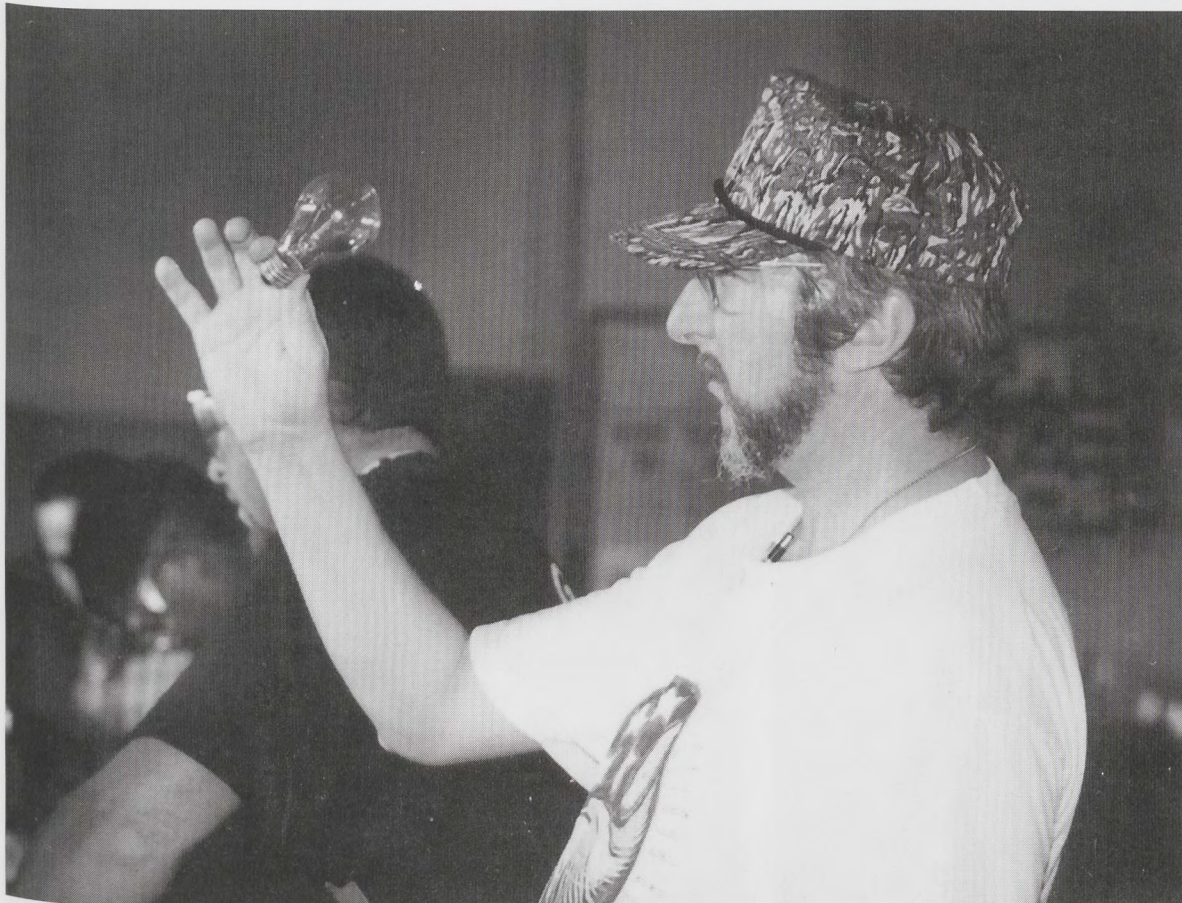
The direct, hands-on learning approach equips students with the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare them for actual work settings. At the completion of their training, SMCC students take pride in their accomplishments of reaching new technological or vocational heights.



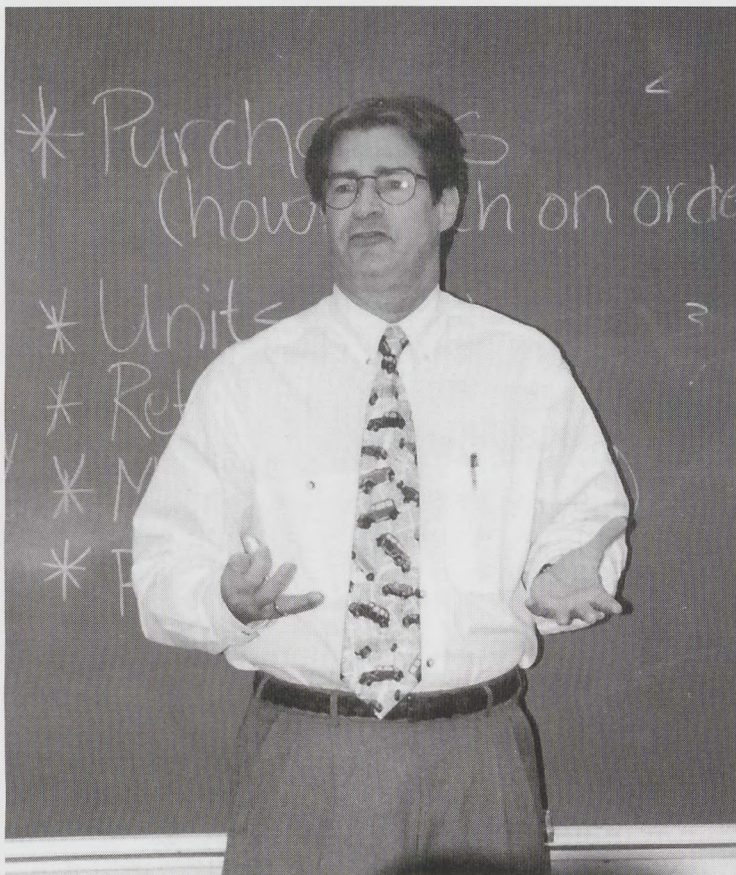
Before making any repairs, diesel mechanic Tommy Deere must properly clean the engine.

Operating the torch, Glenn Avants makes sparks fly while Eric Butler, Eugene Nelson, Jeremy Cain, Terrell Robertson, Dexter Walker, and Larry Rogers watch the action.





With bulb held high, Cullen Watts takes a closer look at its filaments.

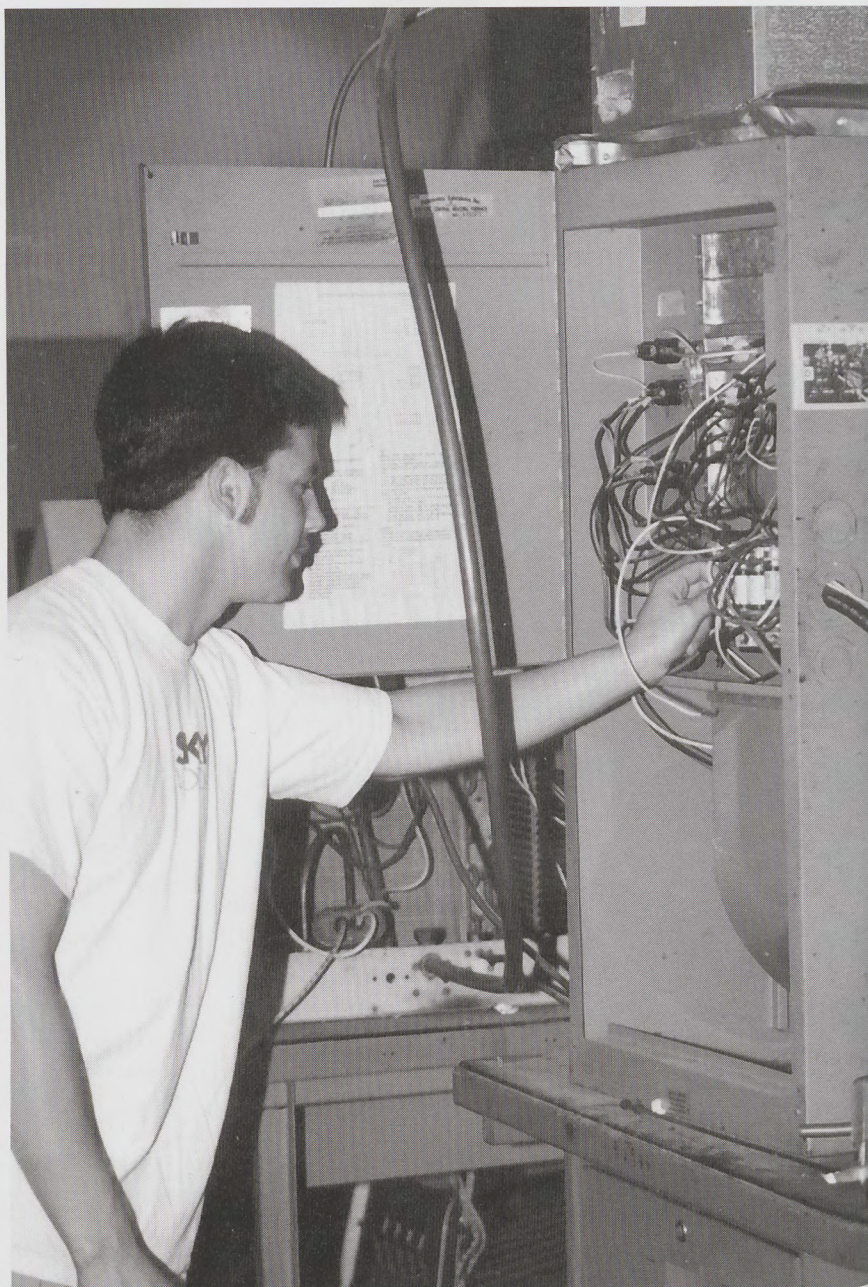
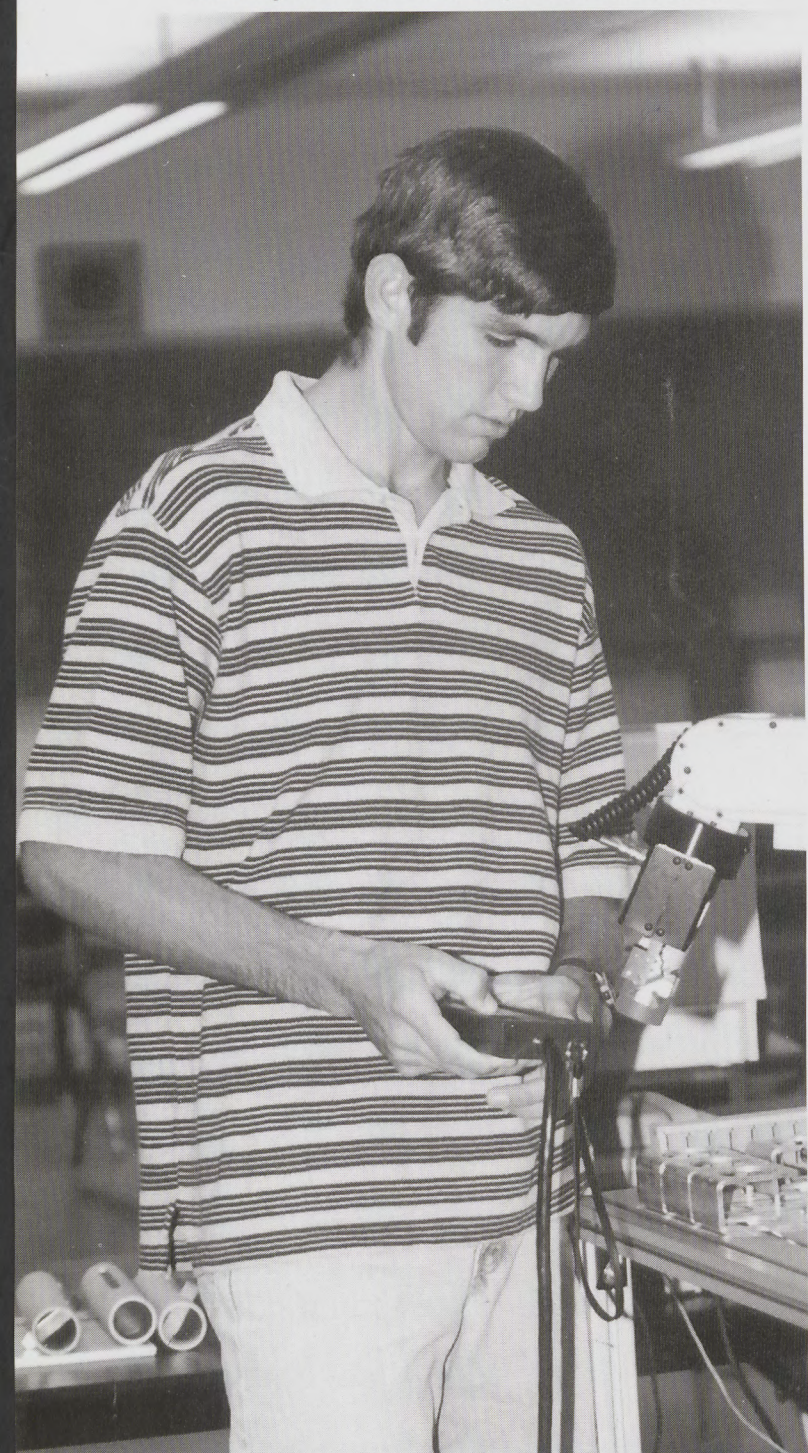


Speaking to potential entrepreneurs, Carey Lee stresses the advantages of buying existing small businesses rather than starting new ones.

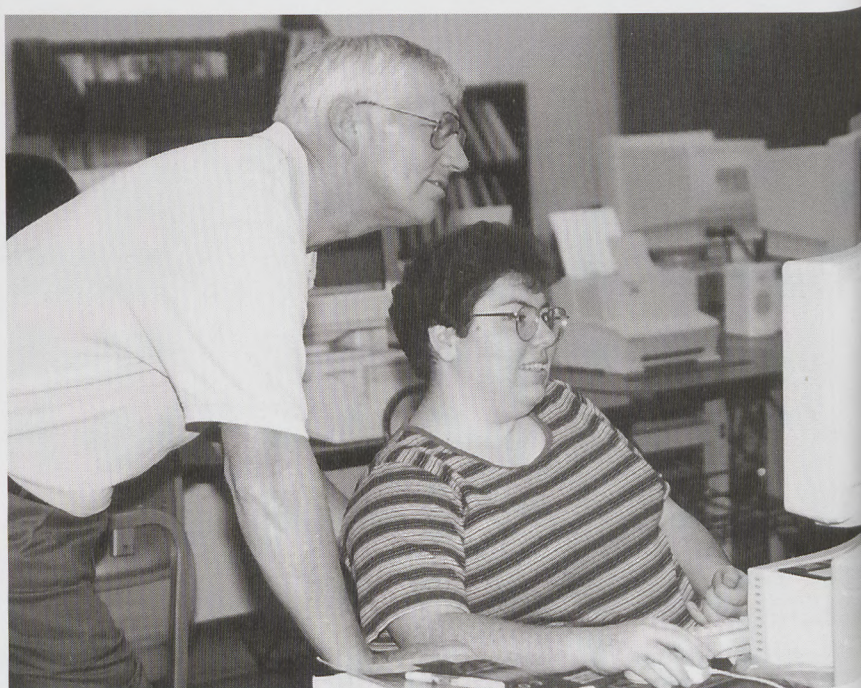
Shanita Scott's mannequin head receives a brisk brushing before she styles its hair into the latest trend.

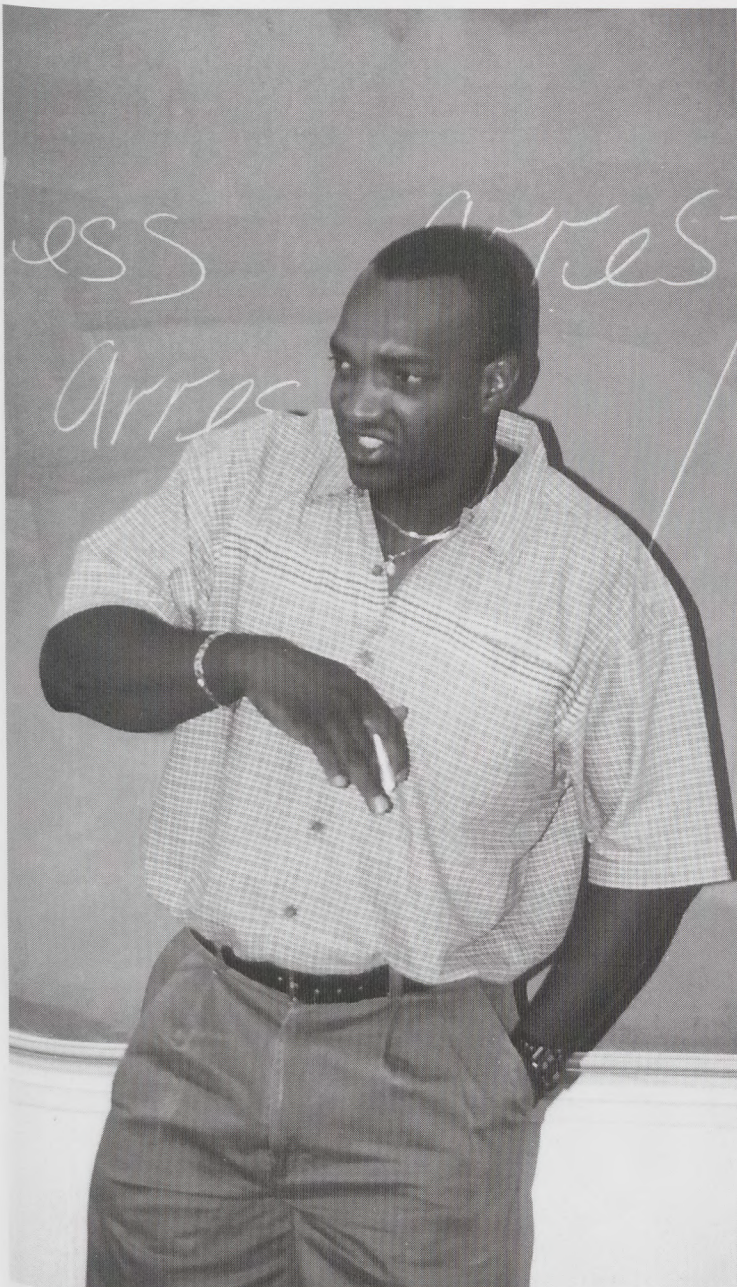
Examining the unit before beginning repairs, Joe Newman reaches through tangled wires to determine the problem.

Taking its commands from programmer James Hall, the robot stacks objects to create a new height with each addition.



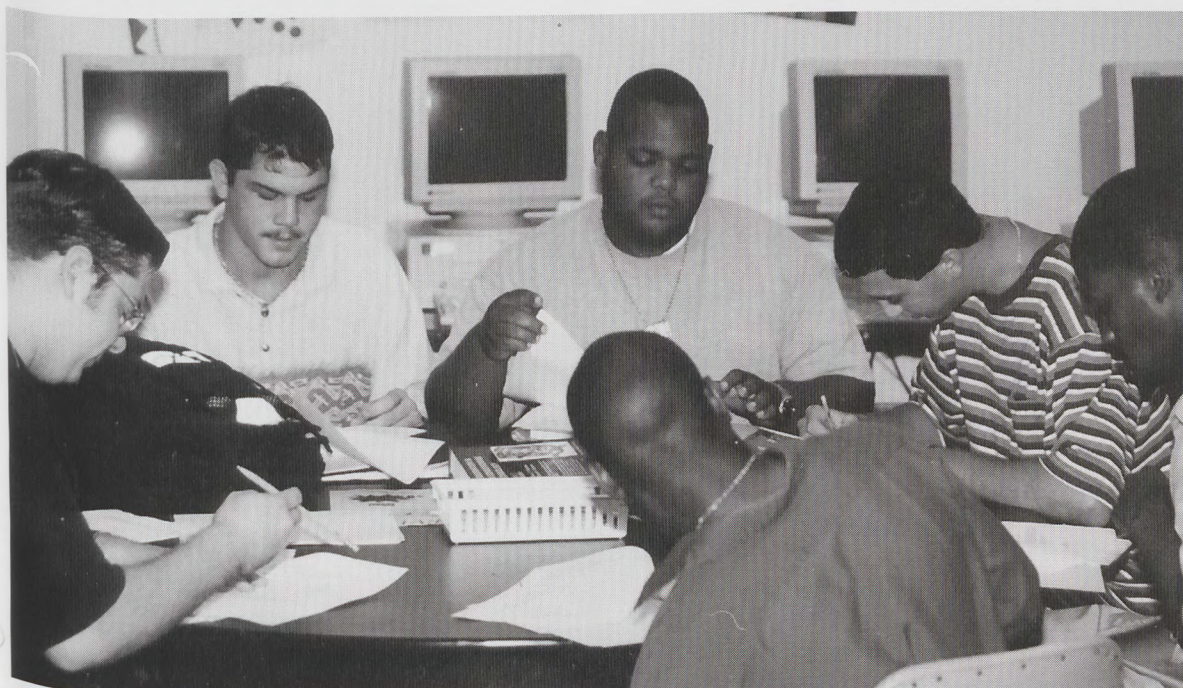
Before answering Stephanie Tullos' question, instructor Bob Simmons leans forward to take a closer look at her computer screen.





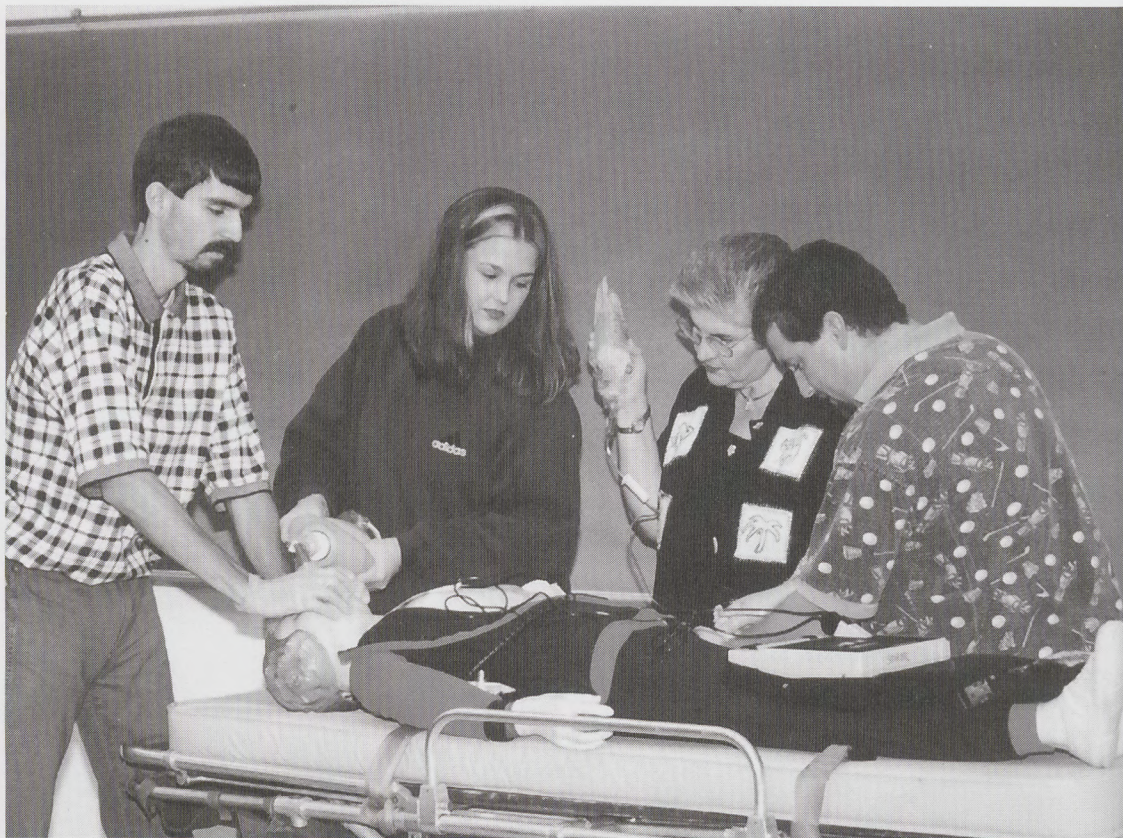
Naming specific, publicized arrests, instructor Kenny Miller draws a distinction between a warrant arrest and a warrantless arrest to help his criminal law students reach a new understanding of legal issues.

Student Betty Spurlock sings as Justin Adams and Rachel Kelly listen to hear their names called in the song. When called, each child stands to make his/her singing debut.



Working as a group makes the class time pass quicker. Samuel Crosby, Bryne McCullough, Kelvin Magee, John Uhle, Casey Harrell, and Manuel Scott try it by circling together to complete their assignments.

Learning that every second counts, Cam Sharp, April Moak, and Les Hughes take life-saving instructions from teacher Sandra Stinson in preparation for their future roles as paramedics.



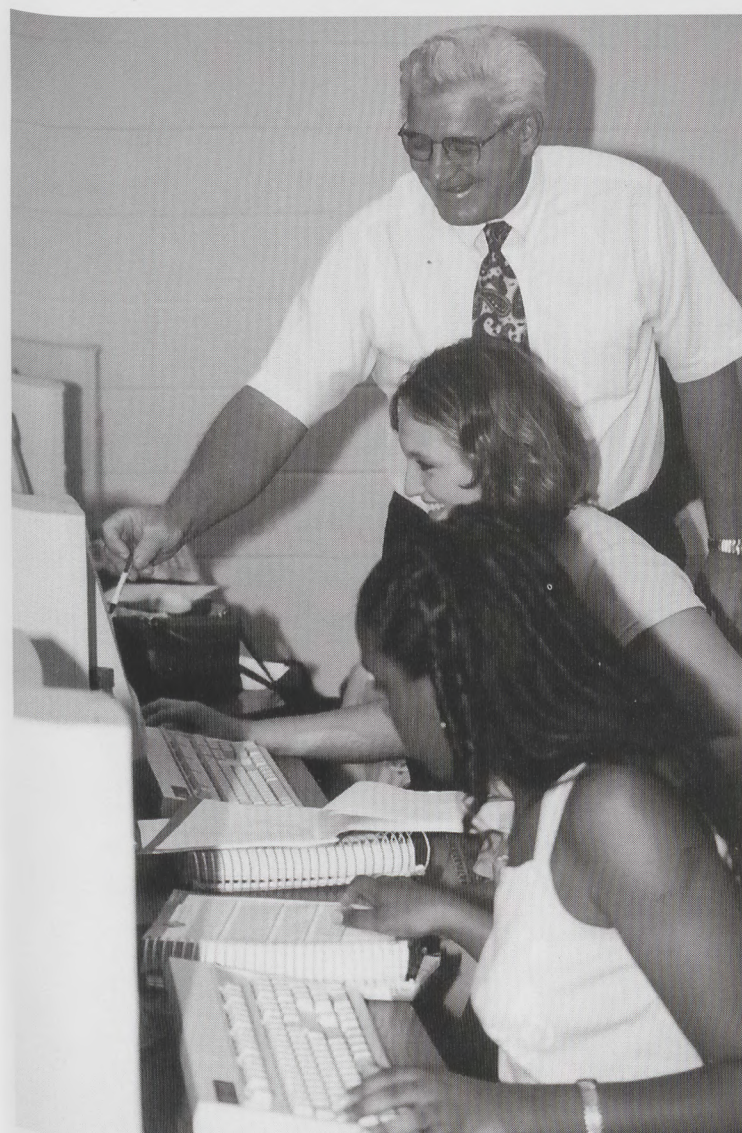
Chris Frost proves to Paul Elliott that working with a lathe is not difficult for those who have had the excellent training SMCC instructors provide.

Using a band saw, woodworking instructor Joe Cornacchione turns a mere pencil marking on an ordinary board into a precision cut.





With water gushing high above them, Bo Johnson, Jody Brock, Shane Harvey, instructor Joe Juneau, Jason Van, Jay Young, and Ben Smith from the SMCC Well Construction Technology program take pride in their accomplishment. Although the Bulldogs and Bears may be adversaries on the playing grounds, Holmes Community College welcomed these Bears who successfully drilled a water well for its athletic department.



With the car elevated to a new height, instructor Brooks Dearing reaches to show students Travis Wells and Edwin Springs areas to repair.

Juliette Brown and Mary Lee Tarver seek teacher Dale Bond's assistance, who points them in the right direction.

Reaching new heights in the...

Career Center

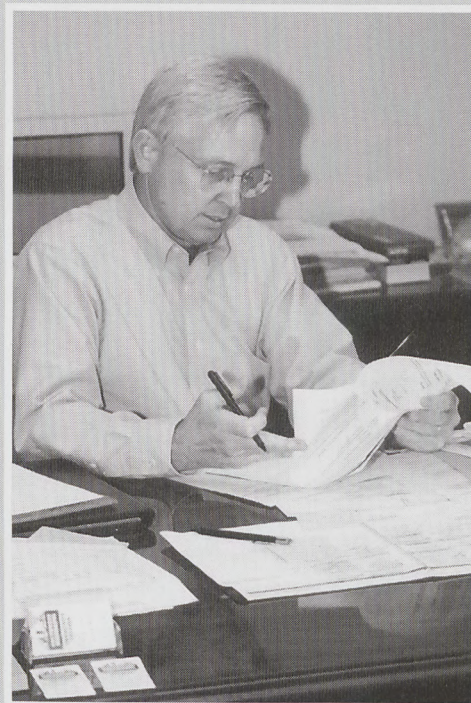
If you ask SMCC students about the Career Center, their responses would probably be, "Oh, you must mean the computer lab in Kenna Hall." Although their answers are correct, the Career Planning and Assessment Lab, or computer lab as students call it, is only one part of the One-Stop Career Center located in Kenna Hall.

The Career Center functions as a liaison between SMCC and the local business community to provide services to SMCC students, members of the workforce, and local business owners. SMCC students rarely see or appreciate, at least at this point in their lives, the many services the Career Center offers. In time, when they enter the workforce, they may encounter the many services the Center makes available to the community.

While at SMCC, students utilize the facilities in the Career Planning and Assessment Lab, not only for research purposes but also for its testing services that assess aptitudes, interests, values, and skills. These test results help SMCC students make possible career choices.

Whether a SMCC student or a member of the community workforce, the Career Center does its part to see that its users reach new heights in the "real" world.

As Career Center Director, Jerry Malone oversees the entire Career Center operation to ensure that it continues to reach the needs of its users.



As Career Center secretary, Charlotte McGregor willingly shares her time and talents to ensure that the Center runs smoothly and efficiently.

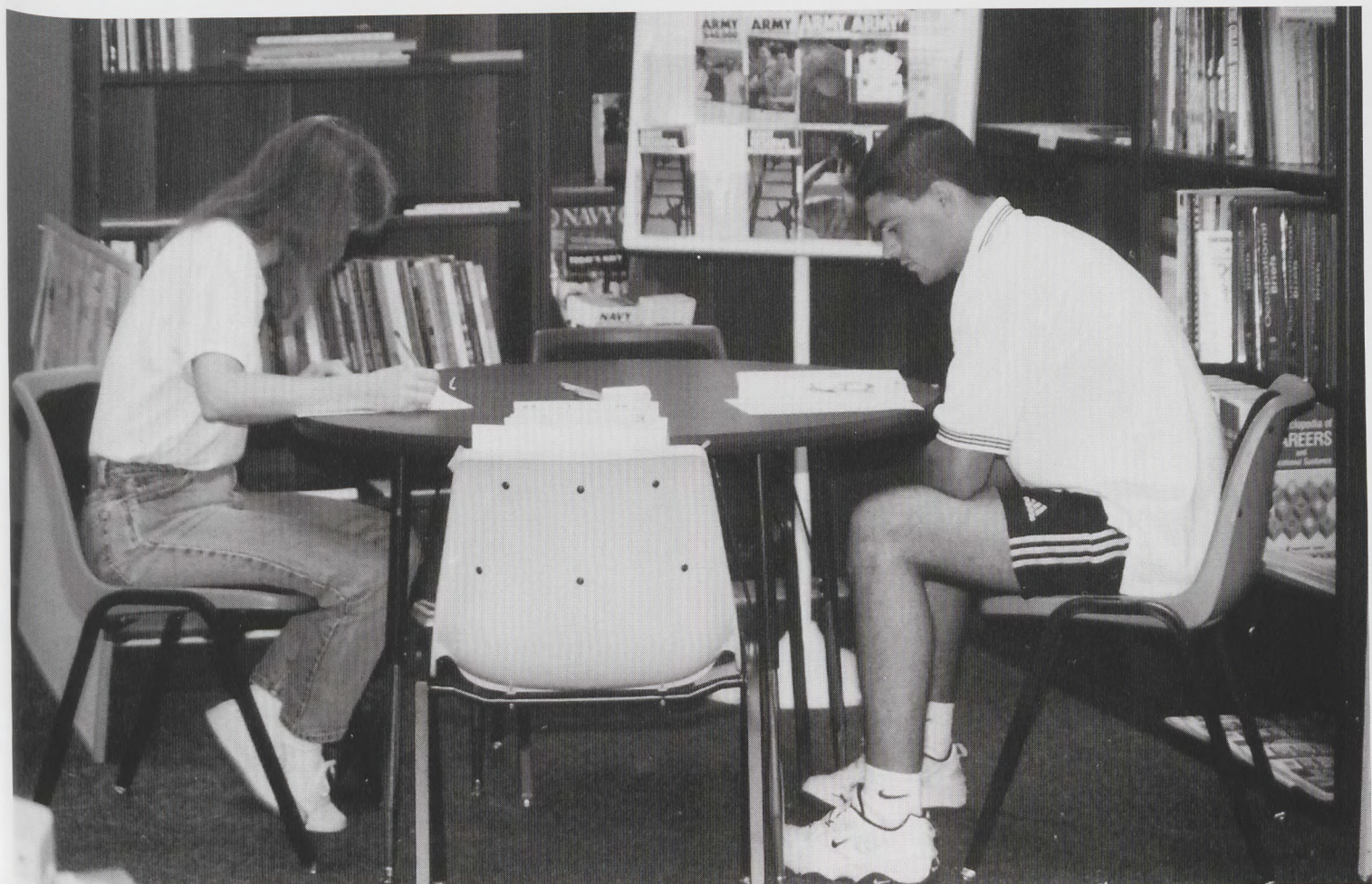
Through the Workforce/Basic Skills Program, Carolyn Williams helps employees reach their potentials. This training assists employees in learning and adapting to new technology and in developing communication and problem solving skills.



As Small Business Development Center Director, Jeff Waller provides up-to-date counseling, training, and research assistance in all aspects of small business management.



Through the Industrial Services Program at SMCC, Lamar Rogers assists new and existing businesses and industries in meeting their technical training requirements.



Through computerized or pencil-and-paper tests in the Career Planning and Assessment Lab, SMCC students receive information about themselves that help them make informed decisions about their education, training, and work options.

Reaching new heights in...

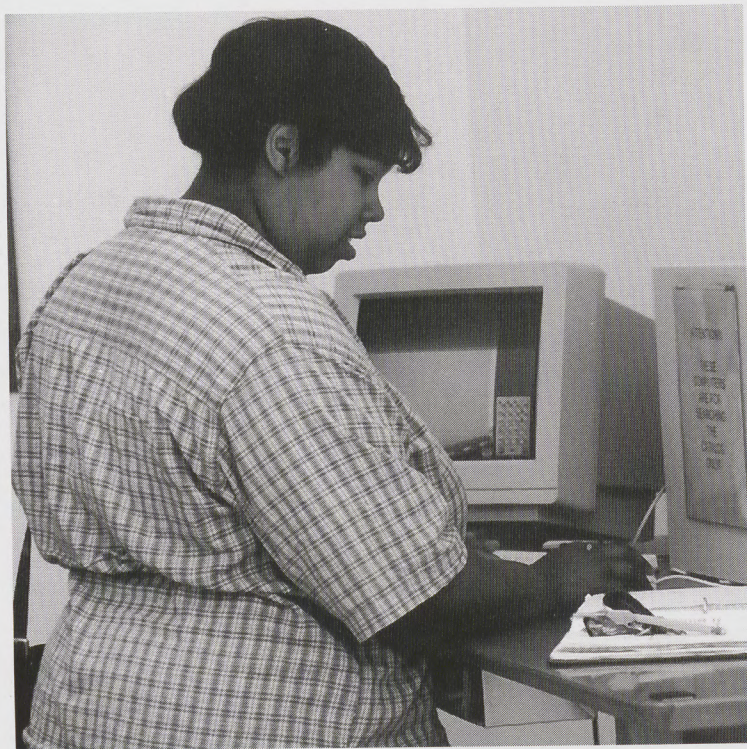
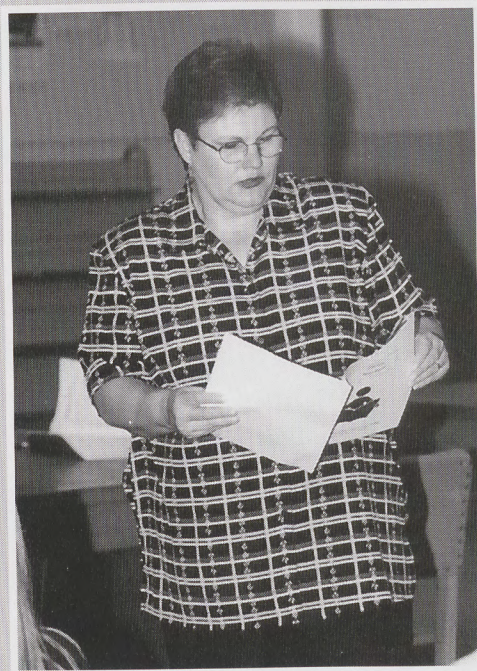
Library Services

At one time or another all SMCC students find their way to the Library-Learning Resources Center (LLRC), commonly called the library. Yet, the word *library* denotes a collection of books, and the services of the LLRC extend far beyond books.

Although approximately 32,000 volumes of books comprise the major physical appearance of the library, it is the library's services - copier, study carrels, study rooms, reference sections, periodicals, Learning Lab - that students notice more. By logging on to SMCC's web page from any computer, students can access the library's "card catalog" through WebCat or find research information through a series of databases, which are continually updated, on the MAGNOLIA project. To type papers, conduct research, or receive additional assistance through reinforcement software, students use the Learning Lab.

With its many support services, the LLRC does its part to assist SMCC students in reaching new informational heights.

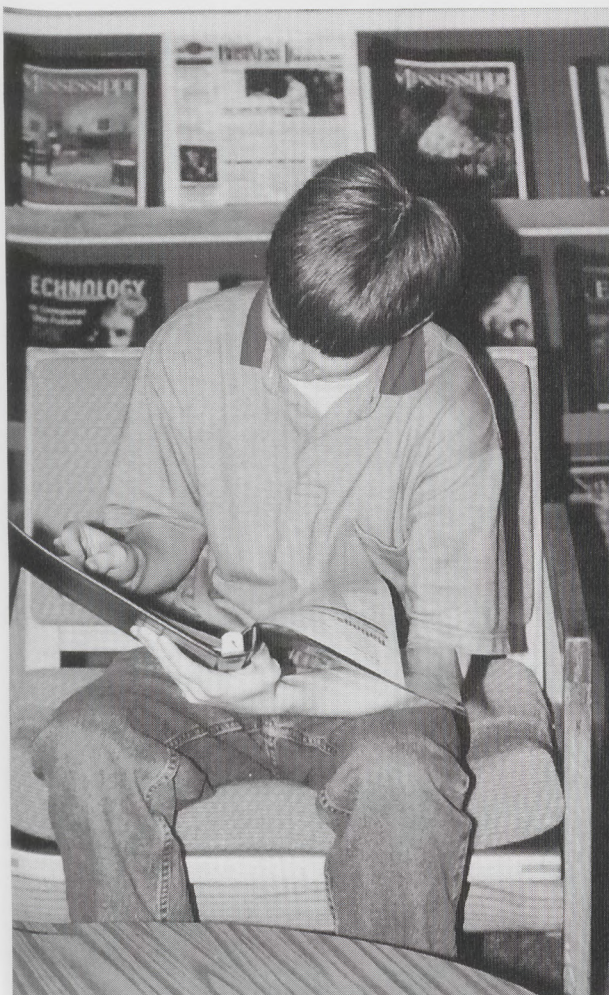
To make certain that SMCC students can put their "hands" on needed information, LLRC Director Jo Ann Young distributes *Library Handbooks*, conducts tours of the LLRC, details its many services, and encourages students to utilize its facilities.



Using WebCat, Amelia Brister loses no time in searching for available sources for her assignments.

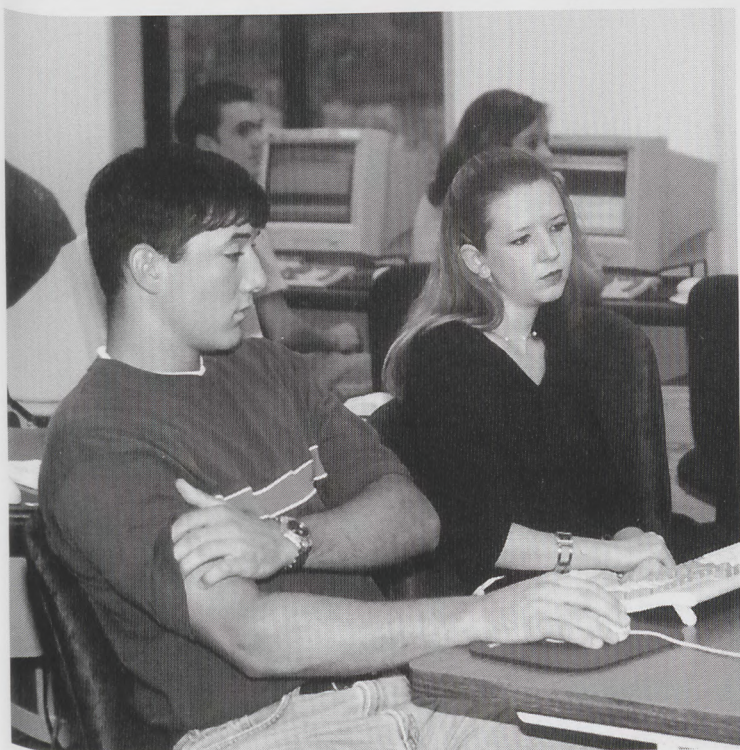
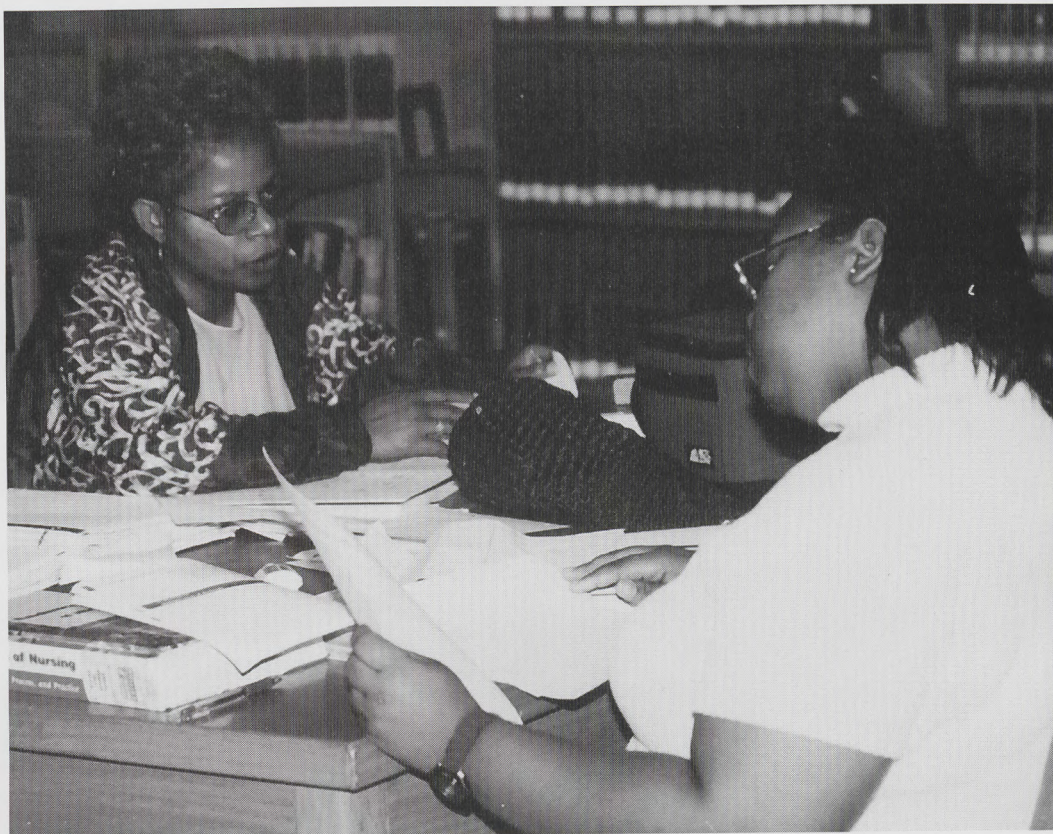
Internet research may be a sign of the times, but Karla Carpenter prefers to reach her source from familiar shelves.





Taking a break from flipping through pages of piano sheet music, Lee Rider nestles into a cozy library chair to flip through the pages of a recent health magazine.

Studying for an upcoming test, nursing students Kathy Williams and Tomekia Luckett share a table, exchange notes, and test each other's knowledge about drug calculations.



During their orientation of the Learning Lab for Comp I class, freshmen Brant Kogel and Brooke Kincaid discover the research possibilities the newest technology in the LLRC offers.



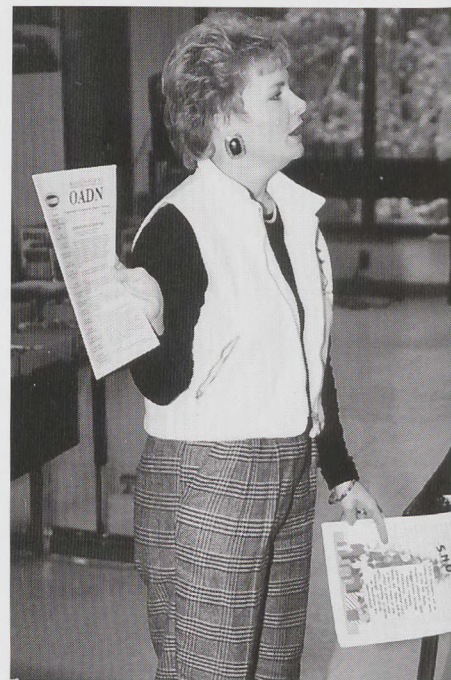
Selling a computer disk to RaShanda Magee for her to use in the Learning Lab, student worker Shenae Cooley proves that LLRC patrons receive "service with a smile."

HEIGHTS

Reaching New

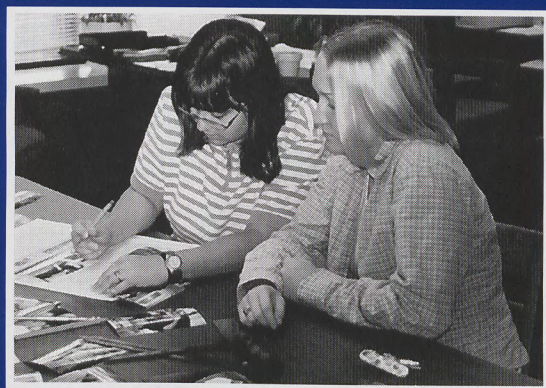
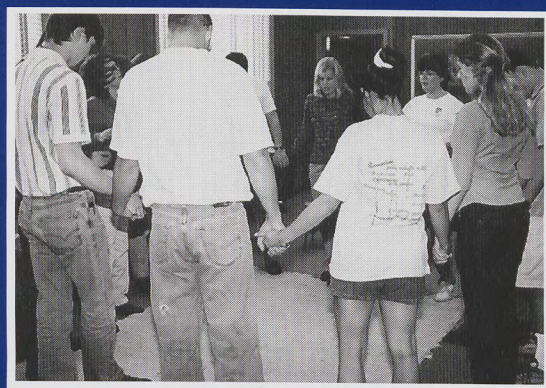
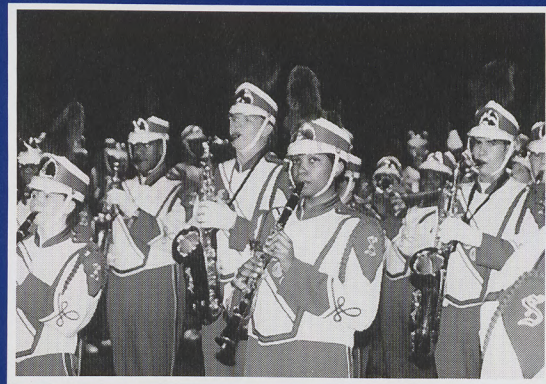
Part of campus life includes involvement in campus organizations. Organizations provide opportunities for members to work together to accomplish common goals and to learn life-long lessons in the process. A diversity of people, cultures, and beliefs merge to perform, produce, promote, proclaim, or profess through marching/stage bands, musical groups, college publications, honor societies, student government, or religious organizations. Behind the scenes stand faculty members who give of their time and talents to ensure that each organization and organizational member reaches new heights at SMCC.

The success of any organization results from strong leadership by its elected officers. Laura Wallace, president of SNO, encourages SNO members to become active in the organization.



Anita Yoder's induction into Phi Theta Kappa resulted from determination, persistence, sacrifice, and hard work. Surrounded by friends and family, Anita saw the fruits of her labor mature.



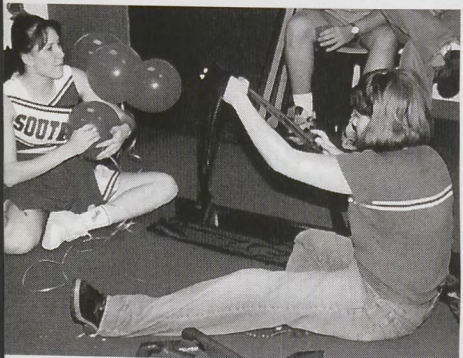
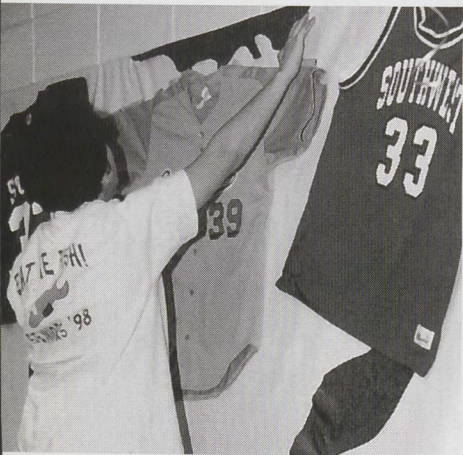


Organizations

SGA Officers

Frankie Glennis
President
Samantha Robertson
Vice-President
Angela Burch
Secretary
Courtney Applewhite
Treasurer

Sophomore officer Keri May reaches high to attach uniforms to the backdrop, used during the Homecoming dance by those wishing to "capture the moment" in a photograph.



SGA President Frankie Glennis utilized Angela Burch's creative touches in constructing decorations for the Homecoming dance.



Through community projects, SGA members learn to be responsible citizens.



Sophomore Officers

Julie Busby - *President*
Taylor Young - *Vice-President*
Amanda Hammon - *Secretary*
Keri May - *Treasurer*

Student Government Association

Represent • Respond • Reflect

During a lunch meeting, SGA officers and Dean Oliver Young discuss ideas for the Homecoming theme and festivities.



Freshman Officers

Charlsie Whetstone - *President*
Catherine Wall - *Vice-President*
Heather Furr - *Secretary*
Ryan Johnson - *Treasurer*

Each spring, campaign banners go up and slogans begin as SMCC students get their first chance to experience college “political” races. Student Government Association (SGA) general officers, elected during this spring frenzy of campaigning and voting, serve as the first elected officials of the entire student body of full-time SMCC students. Class officers, elected each fall semester, join the general officers to form the student council that **represents** the entire student body. With each activity, each project, SGA officers quickly **respond** to collaborate, create, construct, direct, or sponsor. As representatives of the student body, they know that their actions **reflect** the entire student body.

Thus, their year of service as student council members is a busy one. In addition to attending regular meetings this past year, SGA members assisted with a blood drive, spring formal, Homecoming dance, and “Adopt a Highway” program. Through these experiences, SGA officers quickly learned how demanding, yet rewarding, leadership roles were.

In addition to time needed for study and class preparation, SGA officers gave freely and willingly of their time during 1999-2000 to represent the SMCC body. As representatives, SGA officers reached new heights as leaders of the new millennium.

Phi Theta Kappa

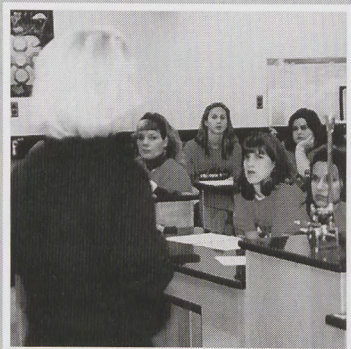
Seek • Strive • Serve

Mix scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship and you have the hallmarks of SMCC's Omicron Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), an international honor society of two year colleges that offers membership to students who achieve and maintain high academic standing. PTK members **seek** knowledge, **strive** for excellence, and **serve** others. Sponsored by faculty members Dean William H. Johnson and Diane Turnage, PTK members attend both regional and international conventions to learn from fellow Phi Theta Kappans.

Obtaining its five-star status in 1996, PTK members labor to maintain this status through its many projects. Projects for this year included assisting with MS Tour for Cure, America Reads, and the honors study of moving into the new millennium with the "Past as Prologue."

But, maintaining its elite status pales in comparison to the rewards PTK members receive by performing community service. For many PTK members, this past year provided opportunities for them to reach out to others for the very first time through scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship.

As Director of Institutional Advancement, Sissy Whittington urged PTK members to join the SMCC Alumni Foundation.



Fall 1999 Initiates: Joshua Leonard, Anita Yoder, Laurie Seals, Tiffany Deer, Allie Fenn; back row: Edward Johnson, Haley Bourg, Micki Jo Marsalis, Betsy Brown



PTK Officers

Josh Vincent - *President*
Frankie Glennis - *Vice-President*
Della Hamilton - *Secretary*
Rene' Leonard - *Treasurer*
Keri May - *Historian*
Julie Busby - *Reporter*
Adrienne Garner - *Public Relations*

Taking shifts throughout the day, PTK members secured the bikes of the MS Tour for Cure cyclists.

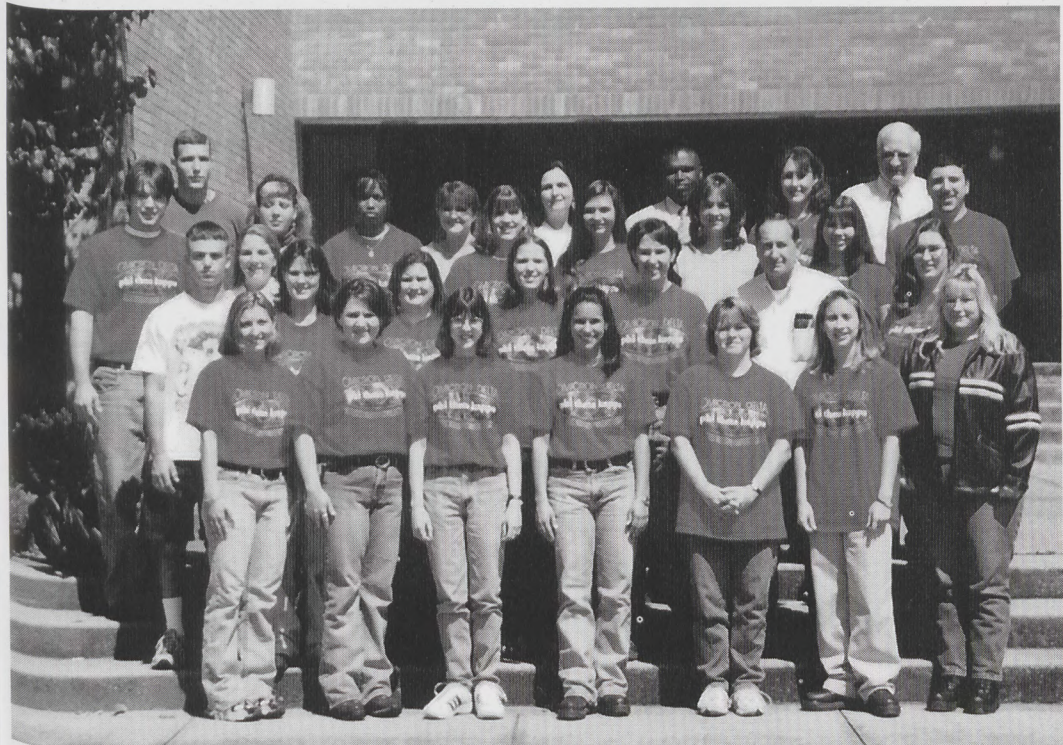


Sponsor Diane Turnage enlightens the guests about various candles. Kandy Yawn hosted the organization's first fundraiser of the year in her home.



During the PTK initiation services, Tiffany Deer holds her lighted candle while accepting her white rose from PTK secretary Della Hamilton. The candle symbolizes knowledge; the white rose symbolizes purity and beauty of life.

As sponsor Dean Johnson "squeezes" one more important date into his calendar, PTK member Edward Waller listens intently to the details of upcoming projects.



Danielle Seals joins new members Laurie Seals and Tiffany Deer in celebrating their PTK initiation.

PTK Members: Andrea Savorgnan, Jessica Easley, Misty Embry, RaKel Rink, Barbara Esworth, Andrienne Garner, Cheryl Aucoin; Row Two: Dean Dixon, Kandy Yawn, Julie Busby, Donna James, Keri May, Thomas Deer, Rene' Leonard; Row Three: Josh Vincent, Tara Latham, Della Hamilton, Danielle Seals, Sally Edwards, Rachel Delrie, Josh Leonard; Row Four: James Martin, Monty Bass, Angela Stoner, Sonya Woodward, sponsor Diane Turnage, Edward Waller, Frankie Glennis, sponsor Dean Bill Johnson

Student Nursing Organization

Provide • Prevent • Promote

Few people escape illness during their lifetime. Recognizing this fact, many associate degree nursing and pre-associate degree nursing students band together into the Student Nurses Organization (SNO) to support associate degree nursing. As SNO members, they **provide** services to the community, educate the public in ways to **prevent** an illness, and **promote** the importance of healthy lifestyles.

Projects for this year's organization included free blood pressure screenings during the September Fall Fest, MICA food drive in October, and gifts to the Mississippi State Hospital Christmas House in November.

Sponsored by Ramona Young, Darlene Lindsey, Cathy Andrews, Delinda McGhee, and Regina Lowe, organization members attended both national and state conventions where they collaborated with fellow nursing professionals.

Through involvement and commitment, SNO membership encourages ADN students to reach new heights as health care professionals.

Seeking to detect the "silent killer" before it strikes, ADN nursing student Melanie Weekley checks Emily Brewer's blood pressure while concerned daughter and ADN nursing student Sally Ward watches.



With hospital clinicals, lengthy lectures, and extensive reading, lunch provides the only opportunity for SNO members to meet and discuss upcoming events and projects.



SNO Officers and Sponsors

Sponsors: Regina Lowe, Ramona Young, Delinda McGhee, Cathy Andrews, Darlene Lindsey

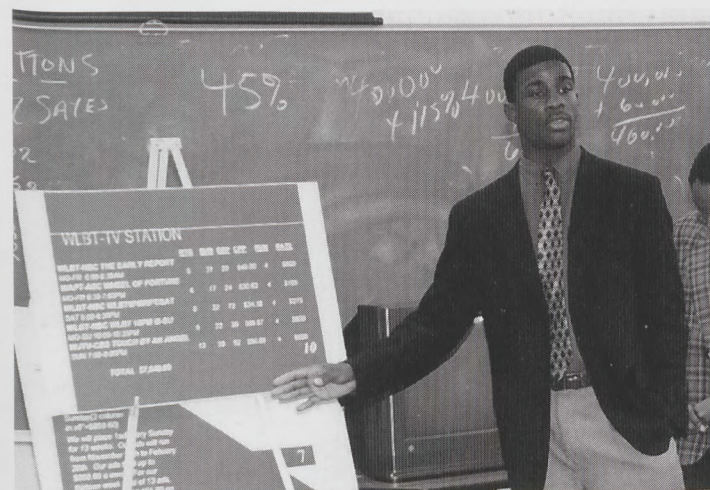
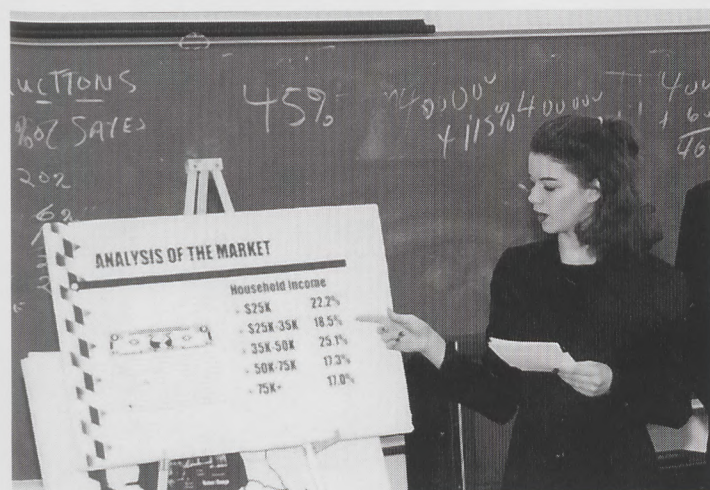
Officers: Jennifer Meilstrup, secretary; Ken Wallace, president-elect; Mary Thompson, public relations; Kim Callais, treasurer; Sheritha Copeland, public relations; Sherry Holland, public relations; Cheryl Strickland, public relations; Connie Taylor, public relations; Laura Wallace, president; Barbara Blow, public relations; Cindy Pinion, public relations



Delta Epsilon Chi

Design • Develop • Deliver

After determining the targeted market for "Imagination," Sonya Rushing discusses the projected market, divided into income levels for the Baton Rouge area. To enhance presentations, marketing students use the latest technology, such as PowerPoint, to create clear, effective graphics. Knowing this skill helps them gain the competitive edge in state competitions and in business.



Marketing students like Floyd Patterson include television, radio, newspaper, and billboard advertisements in their advertising presentations. Hoping to sell their "Back-up 2000" generator in preparation for Y2K, Floyd Patterson explains his group's selection of projected commercial spots in the Jackson area.

Carey Lee, marketing instructor and sponsor of Delta Epsilon Chi, introduces the audience to guest, Lamar Rogers, who listens to advertising campaigns for "Imagination" cologne and "Back-up 2000" generators. Creating and presenting advertising campaigns for class assignments prepare Delta Epsilon Chi members for intensive state competitions.

Marketing students join together to share common interests through their membership in Delta Epsilon Chi, designed for all students interested in the field of marketing, merchandising, and management.

Each spring, team members **design, develop,** and **deliver** a project for state competition. In addition to this "pre-prepared" entry, marketing students compete on-site with marketing students from all Mississippi community colleges with marketing programs. For three days of intense intercollegiate competition, team members have opportunities to participate in "hands on" business experiences. They apply their knowledge about marketing strategies in hopes of emerging victorious.

Sponsored by Carey Lee, Delta Epsilon Chi members reach new heights as team players, problem solvers, and decision makers - all in preparation for a career in our competitive free-enterprise system.



Bear Trackers

Proclaim • Personify • Publicize

New voices herald the praises of SMCC this year. As ambassadors for SMCC, eleven "Bear Trackers" **proclaim** the benefits of attending SMCC.

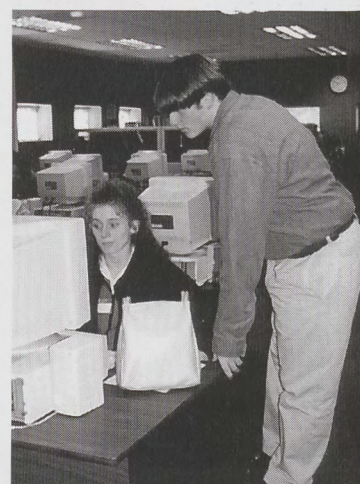
Assisting with various campus functions and tracking the trails of perspective SMCC students, members of this elite group **personify** the entire student body as they **publicize** the advantages of attending a community college close to home. They welcome the opportunity to exhibit their Bear pride as they discuss SMCC's positive qualities — its friendly, caring atmosphere, beautiful campus, affordability, accessibility, and qualified, competent faculty. Through their own experiences, these Bear Trackers know that SMCC provides an academic bridge to success.

Bear Trackers eagerly share their message and hope that others follow the tracks leading to SMCC.

Keri May assists with the Homecoming reception in Gillis Alumni House. Ryan Johnson assists a high school visitor with research in the Career Center. As part of their job as ambassadors, Bear Trackers served as hosts and guides to campus events.

With assignments and signs in hand, Bear Trackers await the arrival of neighboring high school students. After a energetic performance by Reflection, these ambassadors will leave tracks across campus as they guide and direct the young visitors to various classes.

Bear Trackers: Sister Catherine Lottinger, Kandace Carruth, Adrienne Garner, Connie Taylor, Della Hamilton, Keri May; standing: Edward Waller, Stanley Wallace, Frankie Glennis, Eric Barber, Ryan Johnson



Scholars Bowl

Compete • Conquer • Congratulate

Scholars Bowl Team Members: Sarah Brabham, Cliff Neames, Aaron Alford, Jeff Barber, Daniel Holmes



Students with a passion for trivia and a strong desire to **compete** have the opportunity to **conquer** the opposition through participation in Scholars Bowl. In addition to a competitive drive and a storehouse of trivia, team players must learn to respond quickly. Under the leadership and direction of chemistry instructor Mary Guy, a team of SMCC students, chosen from instructor recommendations and by expressed interest to participate, prepares for upcoming matches between SMCC and other state community colleges.

Each spring semester, team members travel to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and Ole Miss for competitions in the South Mississippi Scholars Bowl and the Ken Wooten Scholars Bowl. Long before the two trips, however, the team of five spent hours studying, practicing, and drilling in hopes of securing a trophy for SMCC and scholarships for continued educational pursuits.

Whatever the outcome, win or lose, participants **congratulate** each other on jobs well done in reaching new trivia heights.

Preparing for upcoming matches and the next question, all hands are on buzzers and eyes on Mrs. Guy.

To be successful competitors, Scholars Bowl team members must possess a wealth of knowledge about all subjects, not just subjects of individual interest. Mock drills give students a chance to practice, discover weaknesses, and refine skills.

Campus Ministries

Share • Study • Support

SMCC recognizes the need to provide its students with opportunities for spiritual growth in addition to intellectual and social growth. Thus, the Baptist Student Union, Wesley Foundation, and Catholic Campus Ministry (formerly called the Newman Club) meet weekly to give SMCC students a chance to socialize with students of common beliefs. Here, students **share** their faith, **study** His Word, eat a noonday meal, engage in Christian fellowship, hear a devotion, sing praises, offer prayers, and **support** each other.

Those attending the Monday meetings of the Wesley Foundation, directed by Rev. Charles Brister, and the Catholic Campus Ministry, directed by Mrs. Vickie Malone, maintain that the Monday meetings get their week off to a good start. Those attending Wednesday Noonday in the Baptist Student Union, directed by Ed Abel, know that their time together gets them "over the hump" each week.

Regardless of religious affiliation, each denomination welcomes all SMCC students to join in for a time of food, fellowship, support, sharing, and encouragement. At SMCC, religious organizations reach out to seek and serve.



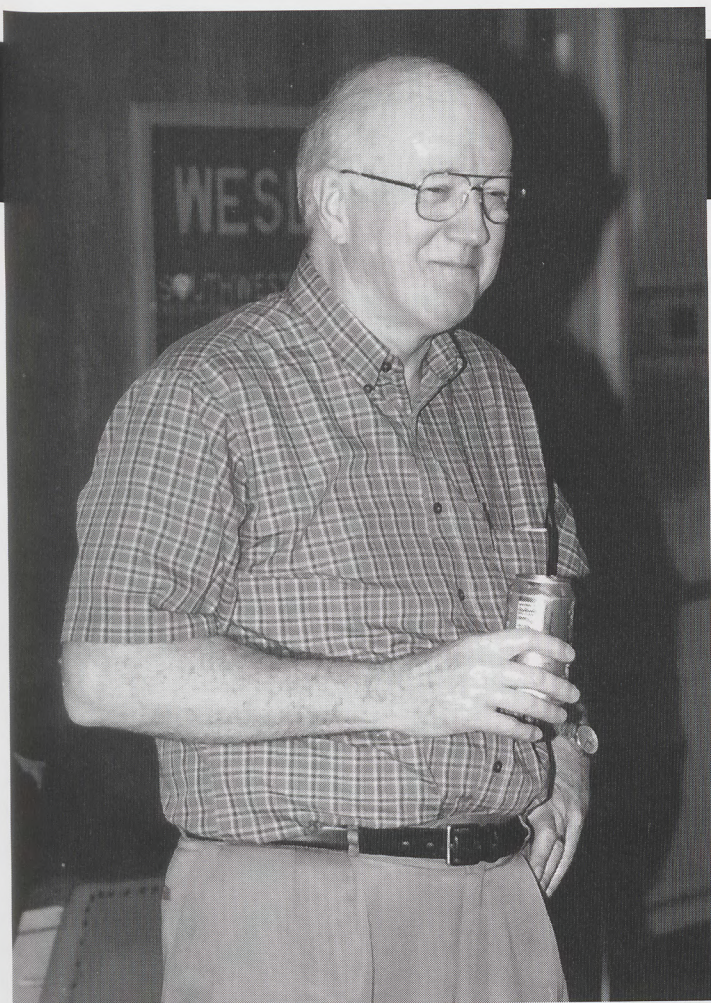
Scenes of worship during noonday meals are common sights for all campus ministries.

Baptist Student Union Leadership Team: Brandon Moody, Josh Vincent, Jonathan Small, Justin Shipley, Michael Graves; standing: Teri Reagan, Michelle Hennington, Della Hamilton, Kimberly Prentiss, Johshonda Fleming

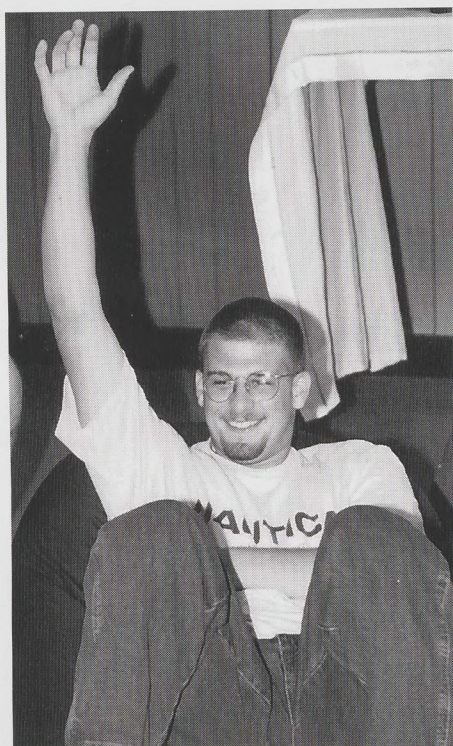


Starting early to proclaim the support services of the Baptist Student Union for SMCC students, BSU Director Ed Abel sets up a display during Bear Jamboree to talk to interested students.

In addition to his duties as an SMCC instructor and pastor of Adams United Methodist Church, Rev. Charles Brister makes time each week to sponsor the Wesley Foundation.



Campus ministries allow students like Greg Partman to share their concerns and joys with fellow Christians.



Andre Buuck flashes a big smile as he quickly raises his hand to answer the question asked by Mrs. Vickie Malone, sponsor for the Catholic Christian Ministry. Between bites of pizza and sips of Coke, students attending the CCM meeting answered questions about Catholic beliefs.

Catholic Christian Ministry Leadership Team: Sarah Brabham, Frannie Hebert, Mike Krantz, Betsy Brown, Andre Buuck, RaKel Rink, sponsor Vickie Malone

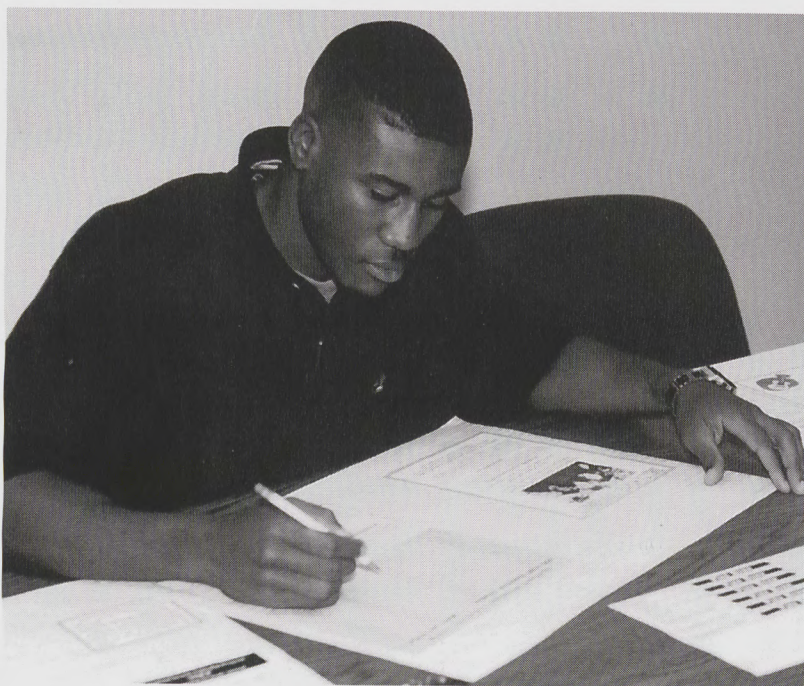


CCM Sponsor Vickie Malone meets with co-presidents Betsy Brown and RaKel Rink and other members of the leadership team to plan the organization's projects and events.



Wesley Foundation Leadership Team: Jim Martin, Barbara Roberts, Cynthia Rogers, Josh Martin

As Lacedrick Jackson proofs the layout, he keeps his pencil ready to make necessary corrections.



While Leigh Ray glances through the list of upcoming stories, Jessica Fleming inspects their first layout.



Making certain that this year's paper reaches its readers in professional form, sponsor Sharon Lawson enlisted Jack Ryan's expertise in writing for the *Enterprise Journal*. Staffers listened intently to his comments and left eager to capture the next campus event.



Pine Burr Staff

Report • Revise • Reach

Leaving enough white space for easy reading, Barbara Esworth carefully places the copy on layouts to balance the text.



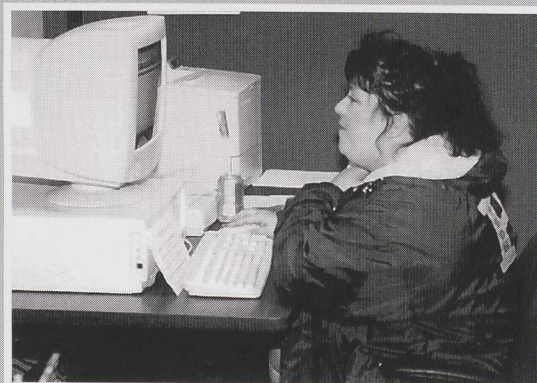
Pointing out the many features of *QuarkXPress*, a publishing software package, Dawn Sanders has an attentive audience from staff members Barbara Esworth, Lacedrick Jackson, Leigh Ray, and Jessica Fleming.

As editor of the *Pine Burr*, Dawn Sanders brought her talents and skills in journalism to teach fellow staffers the "tricks of the trade."

Members of the *Pine Burr* staff were busy this year as they sought to **report** the latest campus news. Once the "amateur" journalist's camera and pen recorded the event, staff members raced to **revise** the details for accuracy so that the news **reached** the press and its readers in dependable, reliable form.

At weekly meetings, staff members received assignments, submitted completed work, discussed upcoming events, and created layouts. Having no prior experience in the production of a school newspaper, the staff quickly learned the process. To assist with the learning process, Jack Ryan from the *Enterprise Journal* came during one October meeting and Dr. David Davies from USM met with the staff during a November meeting.

Professional experience from external sources joined with internal sources to make the year successful. Bringing her skills acquired during her employment at the *Tylertown Times*, Dawn Sanders, *Pine Burr* editor, proved to be invaluable to sponsor Sharon Lawson. With each edition, each article, the *Pine Burr* staff successfully captured the heights at SMCC.



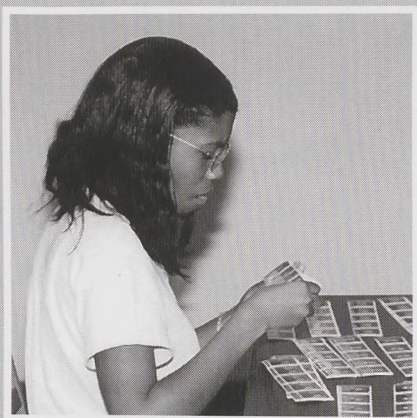
Whispering Pines Staff

Present • Publish • Preserve

The *Whispering Pines* staff, led by co-editors Johshonda Fleming and Keri May, worked diligently and tirelessly to **present** and **publish** the people, events, and activities at SMCC in a form so as to **preserve** the 1999-2000 academic year. With SMCC having its largest enrollment in history, this was no easy task.

Each week the staff met to create or edit layouts, captions, and copy to accurately depict the year's events. It was a time to learn about basic journalism and a time to learn new friends as teams worked together to meet monthly deadlines. Although being on the *Whispering Pines* staff was new to everyone except co-editor Johshonda Fleming, the large group brought their talents and expertise learned from working on high school staffs.

Perhaps the greatest novice of all was the sponsor, Gwen May, who truly appreciated the staff's contributions.



As Chasidy Luckett discovers, increased enrollment means increased time in alphabetizing.

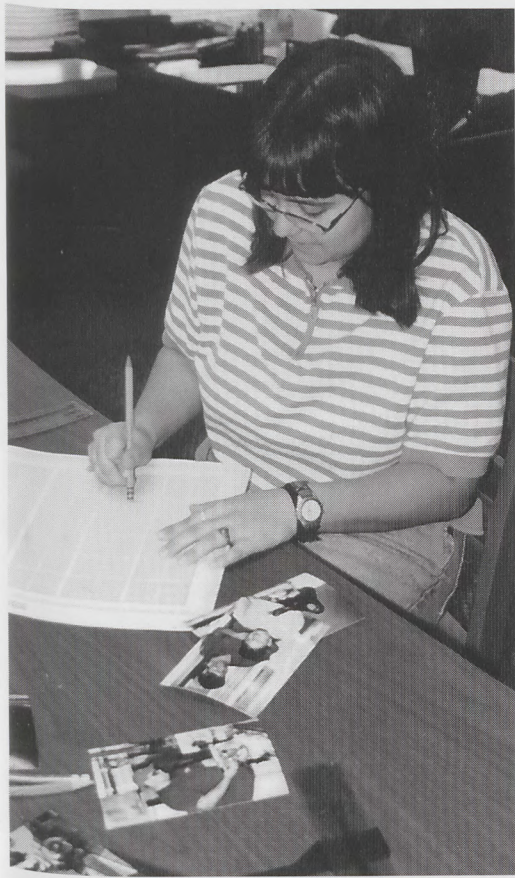


Co-editors Johshonda Fleming and Keri May put their heads together to determine the best angle for cropping.



Weekly meetings mean weekly work. *Whispering Pines* staffers met the challenge and deadlines through cooperation and dedication.

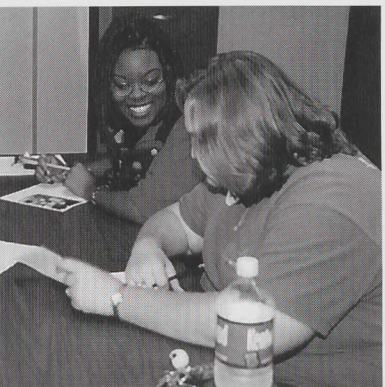
While sketching layouts, yearbook staffers like Angie Beard discover that erasers are editing essentials.



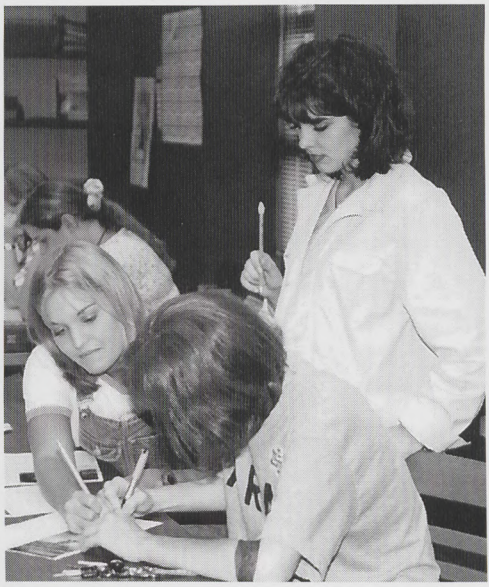
Striving for excellence, Leigh Ray goes to all levels to get the job done.



Shun Conerly flashes an approving smile as she listens to Cassie McKenzie read captions.



LaToya Tate gives her undivided attention to the tasks at hand. In this case, she is listening to another staffer read copy.



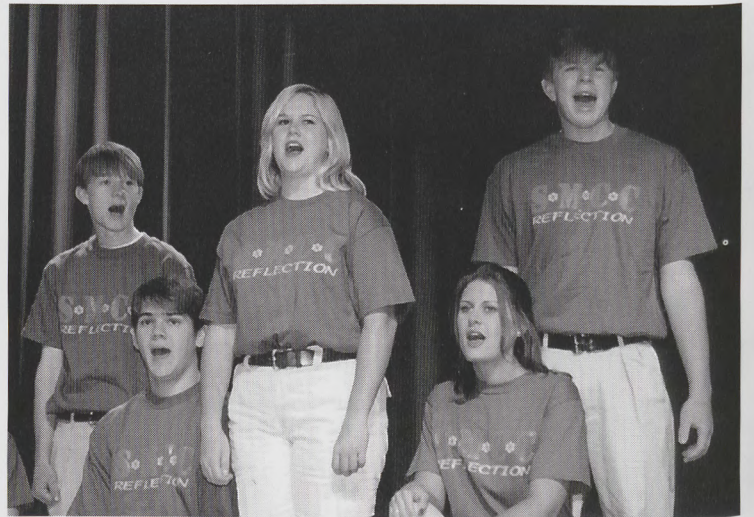
Watching Brittany Birdsong and Claire Kent write copy, Amy Freeman prepares to add the finishing touches.

Whispering Pines Staff: Suzanna McKenzie, Donna Tillery, Amy Freeman, Claire Kent, Bobbye Cox, Brittany Birdsong, Shun Conerly, Cassie McKenzie; standing: Keri May, Barbara Eisworth, Margaret Burden, Yashundra Holloway, Sasha Taylor, Johshonda Fleming, Carla Cashio, LaToya Tate, Chasidy Luckett; not pictured: Leigh Ray, Angie Beard

At the end of a routine choir practice, Stage Band director Shelton Whittington delivers exciting news to Lee Rider and Carolyn Smith. One thousand elementary school children will be attending an afternoon performance of "Home for the Holidays."



Showing what opportunities SMCC offers potential students to help them "bridge" the gap between high school and college, Lee Rider, Michael Graves, Chasity Braswell, Courtney Applewhite, and Aaron Alford sing "Bridge Over Troubled Water."



Singing "I've Got the Music in Me," Reflection choreographer RaKel Rink proves the point.

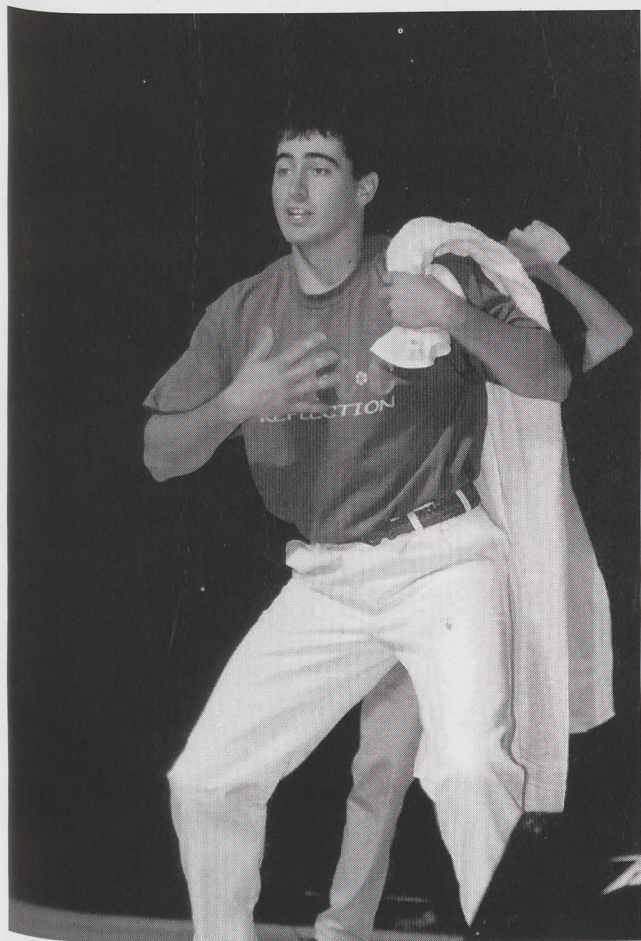
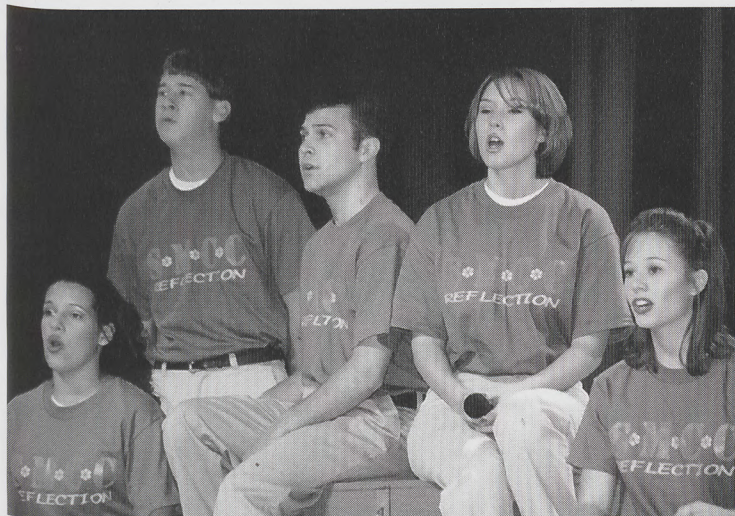


Choir Members: Jovan Hughey, Jamie Hoatland, RaKel Rink, Maggie Herrin, K. C. Ellzey; row two: Latoya Tate, Celeste Yeager, Latasha Walker; row three: Natasha Wilson, Shannon Dye, Amy Freeman, Teri Reagan, Ashley Wust, Yashundra Holloway, Rachel Delrie; row four: Taylor Young, Courtney Applewhite, Aaron Alford, Nikki Thomas, Jackie Robbins, Frankie Glennis, Jovanna Holmes, Tyson Kirkland, DeeDee Patrick, Steven Barnes, Catherine Wall; row five: Dennis Freeman, Josh Martin, Stewart Miller, Kyle Touchstone, Justin Shipley, Jim Martin; not pictured: Chasity Braswell, Jessica Dunaway, Lee Rider, John Cook, Tim Cothorn, Michael Graves

Choir and Reflection

Sing • Stomp • Strut

"Bridge Over Troubled Water" was just one of the selections Reflection singers RaKel Rink, Stewart Miller, Kyle Touchstone, Shannon Dye, and Catherine Wall sang for touring junior and senior students from Tylertown, Dexter, Wilkinson, Amite, and South Pike school districts.



While singing "Splish, Splash," Jackie Robbins has no intention of getting wet.

All students with vocal talents have an opportunity to exhibit and enhance them through the Fine Arts division's choir program. Mrs. Carolyn Smith, choir director, ensures that her students **sing** to their potential. With two practices each week, choir members gain appreciation for the arts and see improvement in their performance as individuals and a group.

For those who wish to add an expressive touch, they audition for Reflection. As members of Reflection, two additional weekly practices fill their already busy schedule. Here, they not only sing, but also **stomp** and **strut** to the beat. They combine their voices in perfect harmony to prepare for competition and for performing as Stage Band vocalists in the Christmas and spring shows.

Through choir and Reflection, SMCC students have opportunities to reach new heights as vocalists and entertainers.

All eyes focus on choir director Carolyn Smith as she gives suggestions for improvement.



Stage Band

Pressure • Practice • Perform

SMCC serves this community through various avenues. One direction is through the Stage Band Christmas and spring productions. At times the **pressure** seems great as SMCC students balance the many hours of **practice** and homework in preparation to **perform** for thousands. But SMCC students reach and often exceed the expectations supporting crowds have come to expect from each performance.

The antebellum set, designed by Benji Stockton, Nikki Thomas, and Ashley Wust, and drifting snow provided the perfect background for this year's theme, "Home for the Holidays," which brought a touch of the holidays to enthusiastic crowds. A fifth performance was added this year. On Thursday afternoon, December 2, the auditorium echoed with 1,000 excited K-5th graders from neighboring schools. They proved to be, by far, the most enthusiastic crowd.

From Stewart Miller's opening plea to "Please Come Home for Christmas" to the closing band selection of "Feliz Navidad," it was non-stop action featuring Stage Band members, dancers, and musicians in instrumental and traditional numbers like "Gloria," "White Christmas," "Walk Through Bethlehem," and an old-time favorite "Jingle Bells." Reflection singers, choreographed by RaKel Rink, blended their voices to accompany the band, and numbers featured Courtney Applewhite, Lee Rider, Nikki Thomas, Jackie Robbins, Maggie Heron, Shannon Dye, and Aaron Alford. A visit from Santa and the Giftbox Kids appealed to the young and young at heart.

By the end of each show, Stage Band director Shelton Whittington, Reflection director Carolyn Smith, and dance choreographers Kellie Anders and Kim Rush joined the performers in breathing a sigh of relief for jobs well done. Each number, each selection, had reached the audience and heightened their Christmas spirit.

After weeks of daily practices, Stage Band members give the audience memories to take home with them that will last long after the holiday season ends.

Singing "The Chipmunk Song," Lee Rider makes pleas for Kyle Touchstone, Stewart Miller, Taylor Young, Aaron Alford, Jackie Robbins, and Michael Graves.



Dancers like Myra Reeves, Holly Lomax, Megan Dykes, and Christy Higgins dazzled the crowd with their spirited movements.



Reflection singers Kyle Touchstone, RaKel Rink, Lee Rider, Catherine Wall, Courtney Applewhite, Nikki Thomas, Stewart Miller, Taylor Young, Chasity Braswell, Michael Graves, Aaron Alford, and Shannon Dye reminded the crowd that "There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays."

The Giftbox Kids may be getting "Nuttin' for Christmas," but they won the hearts of many children.



Dressed in white, Shannon Dye dreamed of a "White Christmas."



Featured in "Funky O' Saint Nick," Robert Martin jazzed up the show.



Santa took a break from the frigid North Pole to visit Saturday night's guests, who gave him a warm Southern welcome.

High Brass: RaKel Rink, Lakisha Woods, Trent Hoots, Anna Fesmire; back row: Joy Cothren, Sara Campbell, Zane Wust, Joey Goldbaum, Jennifer Williams, Ryan Johnson.



Percussion: Justin Addison, Willie Dickens, Kristine Haltom, Kim Barnes, Angela Long; back row: Jason Marsalis, Tim Cothorn, Edward Butler, Cliff Neames, Ken Burks, Chris Kenny, Devin Barnes



Jennifer Williams, Ryan Johnson, and RaKel Rink, along with the rest of the Marching Band, "pep up" the number during the first Bear pep rally of the season.

Drum Major: Catherine Wall
Assistant Drum Major: Michael Graves



Marching Band

Entertain • Enhance • Entice

Low Brass: April Gurney, Krishenia Williams, Katie Irving; back row, Clifton Marsalis, Andre Buuck, Erica Simmons



Concentrating as he plays, Tim Cothorn never misses a beat during the Percussion special of "El Fuego."

Directed by Shelton Whittington, Drum Major Catherine Wall, and Assistant Drum Major Michael Graves, the SMCC Marching Band brings their musical talents and abilities together to **entertain** the crowd, **enhance** school spirit, and **entice** potential musicians. Dance line and flag auxiliary members complement each performance. Beginning practice during the summer heat and continuing throughout the academic year, these band, dance line, and flag auxiliary members demonstrate endurance and coordination as well as years of training.

From the opening number, "I Can See for Miles," to the ending number, "I Believe," Bear fans hear familiar tunes, see a display of color, and watch musicians march in unison, count in time, and read notes and play instruments in motion. Taking a twist in emphasis, the Marching Band plays "Let's Twist Again" to feature the Touch of Class dance line, choreographed by Kellie Anders. "El Fuego" features the percussion section.

Marching Band musicians carry their "tune" beyond the playing field. Their notes reach into the Fine Arts Auditorium, where some become members of the Stage Band, and to the streets of neighboring towns, where all march in various Christmas parades.

After years of high school performances, the SMCC Marching Band, supported by Touch of Class and the flag auxiliary, steps to new heights in performance.

High Woodwinds: front row: Dennis Freeman, Sharon Chester; back row: Tammy Smith, Lee Rider, Angie Beard, Yashundra Holloway



Low Woodwinds: front row: Chris Coleman, Shenita Woods, Jennifer Anthony, Nathaniel Coney; back row: Russ Greer, Robert Martin, Aaron Alford, Mike Krantz, Chris Sharp



Aides: front row: D. J. Preiss, Stewart Miller; back row: Brian Hughes, James Holden, Brandon Pourciau, Jeremy Thornhill



Dennis Freeman and Nathaniel Coney keep in step during the halftime performance.



Showing poise and balance, the Touch of Class dancers kick up the action during their featured number "Let's Twist Again."

Color Guard Flag Auxiliary: front row: Carmen Walsh, Valyncia Taylor, Cheramie Henagan, Tameca White; back row: Della Hamilton, Sissy Reeves, Nikki Thomas, Ashley Wust, Kwanza Jackson, Shanell James



Touch of Class Dance Line: Captains: Ava King, Andrea Savorgnan, Lauren May, Micki Jo Marsalis; row two: Lacie Greer, Megan McGinnis, Lani Laird, Holly Lomax, Megan Dykes, Adrienne Garner; row three: Jennifer Dacus, Cody Paulk, Christy Higgins, Myra Lee Reeves, Chasity Lunsford, Chasity Braswell



Taking a break beneath a cool shade tree, Tameca White gets a cooler view of the routine before she re-enters the summer heat to join the rest.

HEIGHTS

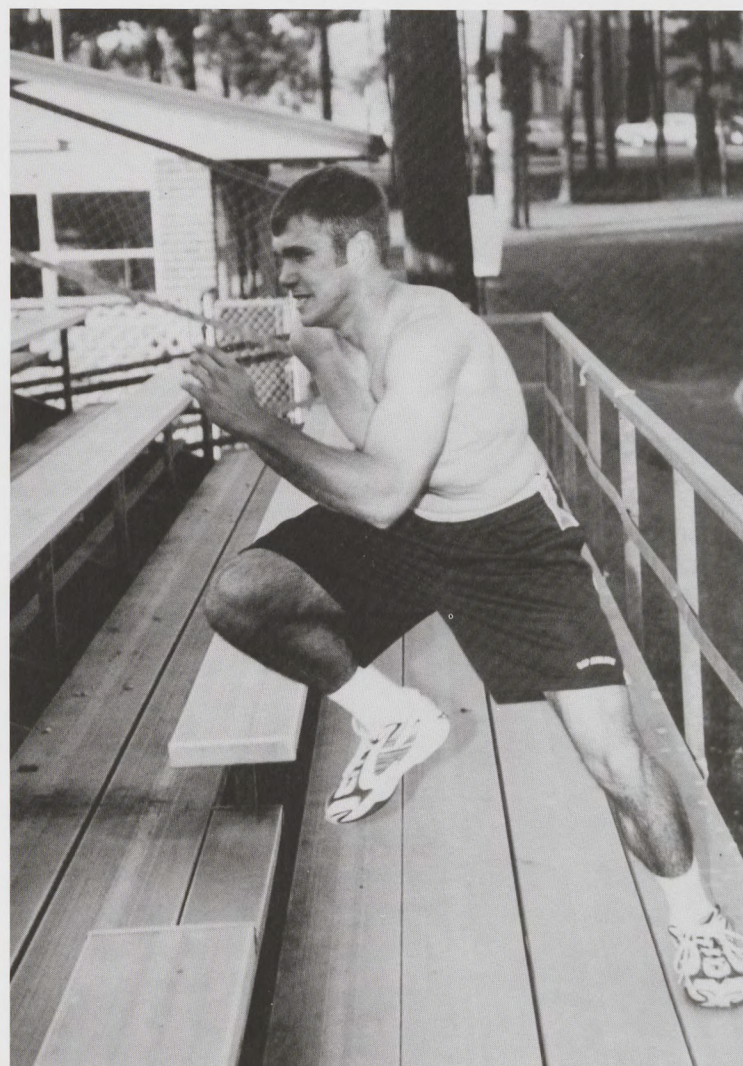
Reaching New

There is no question whom cheerleader Laurie Seals supports.

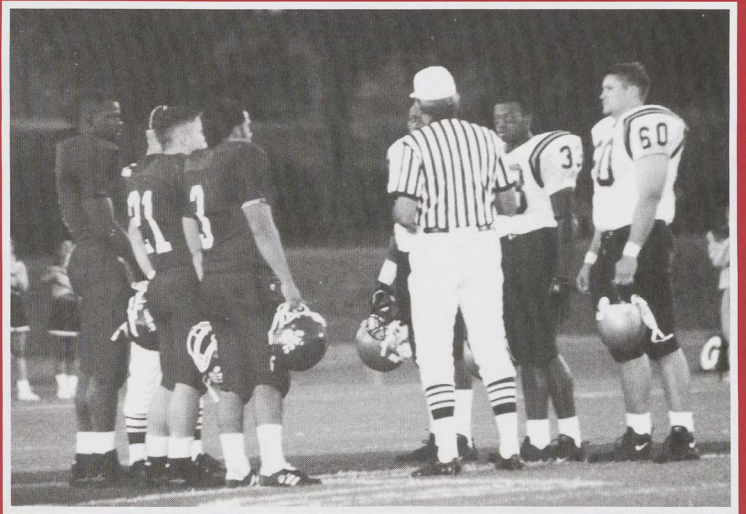
Athletics at SMCC create a change in action from the typical classroom setting. Yet, for the participants, the learning continues as team players learn the importance of hard work, cooperation, teamwork, dedication, determination, discipline, coordination, and skillful execution of plays. After years of anticipation of playing collegiate sports and months of practice on collegiate courts, fields, or diamonds, SMCC athletes experience the joy of victory and the agony of defeat. Through each athletic event, each athletic endeavor, Bear supporters come together to watch SMCC athletes reach new athletic heights.



Preparing for the upcoming tennis season, Sean Smith swings into action.



Building stamina and speed, Jay Young sprints up the bleachers. Long before athletes hit the playing ground, they spend hours in physical training.

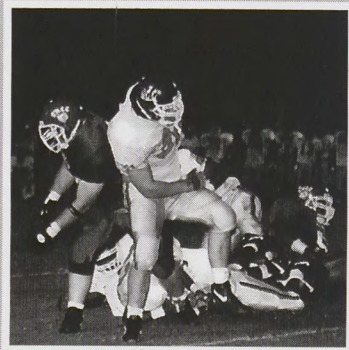


Athletics



Bear Football

ends season on high note



Seeing the opposition ahead, Don Gibson charts his course to escape the Jones defense.



With the goal in sight, Maxwell Joseph picks up needed yardage to advance the Bears against Northeast.

Three Eagles fail to ground one Bear. The Hinds Eagles may have flown past the Bears to end victorious, but the Bears made certain that the flight was not an easy one.



Crisp, cool nights mark its beginning. Fans cheer, stomp, clap, paint their faces school colors, and become sideline coaches for one reason — football mania.

Long before classes began, football players practiced long hours in the early morning and late afternoon summer heat, but their efforts were not in vain. Coach Edenfield's first year as head coach proved to be a successful one with the Bears securing a 7-3 record. Although the three losses occurred on the home turf of John I. Hurst Stadium, they failed to deter the enthusiasm or spirit of Bear fans, who continued to attend and support their mighty Bears. In spite of the three defeats, the Bears managed to end the season on a high note by winning the last three games, including a victory against rival Co-Lin.

Today, the stadium remains silent. No cheers echo through the stands, no shouts of plays from the sidelines. Until fall 2000, Bear fans and players will savor a season when punting, running, blocking, and passing reached winning heights.

Watching for a chance to keep the Bears on top against Jones, Marquail Wells intercepts and runs it back.



Escaping the clutches of defensive lineman David Daniel and surrounded by East Central Warriors, Maxwell Joseph shows no fear as he charges forward.

With a fumble, everyone scrambles for the ball and claims possession.



Coach Kenny Edenfield and quarterback Ike Hall put their heads together to plan the Bears' offensive strategy.



Defensive Linemen: Ronnell Tillman, Kevin Turner, Arthur Smith; row two, Clayton Crawford, Derrick Gayden, Isaac Bell, Jonathon Breasher; row three, Kennard Ellis, Eric Powell, Howard Green, Alton Moore; back, Coach Charles Anthony

Offensive Linemen: Earl Anthony, Kelly Reid, Lameria Perry; row two, Mitch Sawyer, Ryan Martin, Derrick Wansley, Coach Dom Green; row three, Max Weathers, Derrick Brantley, Anthony Bonds, Jamie Jackson

With two straight, successful records of 7-3, the once overlooked SMCC Bears now receive much deserved recognition throughout the South. Brad Havard, Max Weathers, Carmus Haynes, Jonathon Breasher, and Carroll Landry participated in the All-Star football game in Booneville, Mississippi. Seeing the grit and grind Bear players exhibit, senior-college recruiters seek signees to enhance their athletic program.

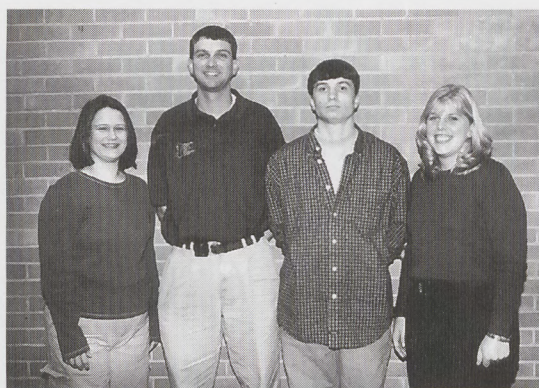
After the 1999 season, four-year institutions gained from SMCC's success by signing eight Bears. Kicker Mac Hart signed with the University of Alabama and offensive lineman Max Weathers inked with Delta State University. Other SMCC signees included linebacker Kennard Ellis (Florida); offensive lineman Derrick Brantley (Clemson); defensive end Howard Green (LSU); linebacker Alton Moore (Auburn); linebacker Brad Havard (Delta State University); and linebacker Jerrod Beckett (Missouri Western).

Here, they will continue to push, shove, run, block, kick, and pass...reaching new athletic heights.

Quarterbacks: Ike Hall, Clifton Collins; row two, Bradley Behrnes, Desmond Collins; back, Coach Kenny Edenfield



Running Backs: Don Gibson, James Kate, Maxwell Joseph; row two, Jeremy Myles, Jimmy Smith, Jacob Prim, Carroll Landry; back, Coach Kenny Edenfield



Trainers:
Frannie Hebert, Dennis Perky,
Heath Crain, Betsy Brown



Managers:
David Pettit, William Byrd,
Rodney Graham, Lee Peoples

Defensive Backs: Reggie Anderson, Marquail Wells, Carlos Thompson, Reginald Reece; row two, Otto Bonds, Micheal Washington, Joey Cox, Carmus Haynes; back, Coach Kenny Miller

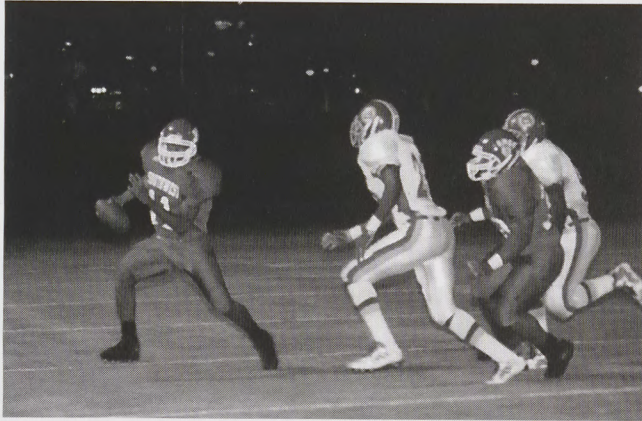


Linebackers: Brad Havard, Travis Wesby; row two, Glynis Matthews, Markeffe Beckett; back, Coach Charles Anthony

With hand held high, Anthony Bonds points the way for the Bears to follow.

Escaping a Jones tackle, Ike Hall searches for an open receiver.

When struggling for power and position, Derrick Brantley holds his ground against the "best of 'em."



Coach Kenny Edenfield
Receivers: Deon Smith, Esco Hornsby, Chris Bonds, Joe Hill



Deep Snapper: James Martin
Kicker/Punter: Mac Hart



Excellent Bear coverage opens the way for Jacob Prim to pick up much needed yardage against East Central.

With the goal line in sight, Alonzo Ard digs in for the carry.

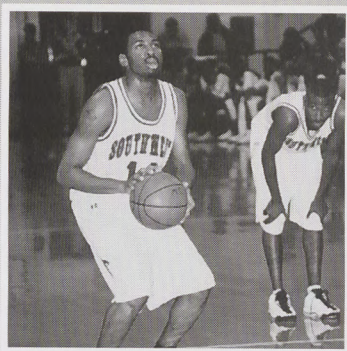
In the season opening, Carroll Landry protects Bear quarterback Ike Hall from a Northeast attack.



Scores say it all...

Northeast Mississippi Community College	19	6
Northwest Mississippi Community College	3	0
Itawamba Community College	21	24
East Mississippi Community College	32	0
East Central Community College	0	12
Pearl River Community College	17	3
Hinds Community College	10	34
Gulf Coast Community College	19	14
Jones County Junior College	26	10
Copiah-Lincoln Community College	42	7

... 7 wins, 3 losses ...



BASKETBALL

reaching for the goal

During the Coke Classic, Melissa Williams takes it to the goal, scoring for the Lady Bears.



Questioning a call, Coach Oliver Young listens intently to the official's explanation.



Sedric Travis "stuffs" one in and hangs around to watch it fall.

As the nights grew cold and with football season over, Bear fans moved indoors to Horace C. Holmes Gymnasium to follow the action of Bear basketball. Winning the first four games of the season, the Bears' momentum diminished, unfortunately, as the season progressed. In spite of the losses, the young men's team found that playing collegiate sports was a learning process.

Two contests highlighted the men's season — a thrilling 123-119 overtime victory over Delgado Community College and a 81-69 victory over a stunned, nationally ranked Co-Lin. With 4.5 seconds left in regulation play again Delgado, sophomore guard Trent Forrest hit a 3-pointer to tie the game. At the end of the overtime buzzer, the Bears reigned. Sophomore Zebton Wells racked up an amazing 35 points, while freshman Cassidy Thompson finished with 20 points.

Defeating rival Co-Lin proved to be the "sweetest" victory of the season. An eighth ranked Co-Lin journeyed south, assuming an easy victory over a team that had suffered seven straight losses. The Bears, on the other hand, had other plans for the Wolves. Co-Lin jumped out to a 12-2 lead, and many thought this pace would continue. But the Bears regrouped, entering the locker room at half with a 37-29 lead. After half, Co-Lin regained the lead, but only momentarily. With a 58-43 Bear lead and 11:37 left in the game, the Bears played ball control while the Wolves tried to get back in the game — an attempt that proved fruitless. The Bears extended the lead, winning 81-69. Sophomore center Zebton Wells scored 24 points, while Sedric Travis managed 18 points and Thompson added 16 points.

Despite their youth and inexperience as college athletes, the young Bear team gave basketball fans a season filled with action, excitement, and Bears going for the goal.

With her eye on the goal, Brenda Alexander concentrates and sinks two against Co-Lin.

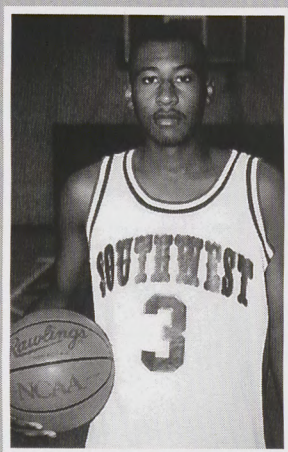


Dribbling down the court, Trent Forrest hustles to set up for another play.

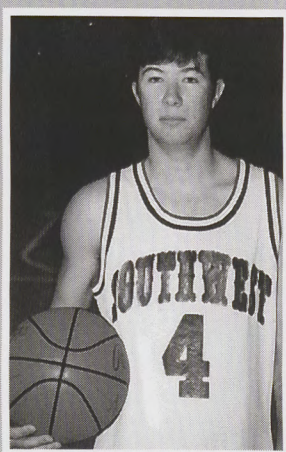


Robert Green refuses to let his position behind the goal deter him. He simply reaches around the goal and puts it in.

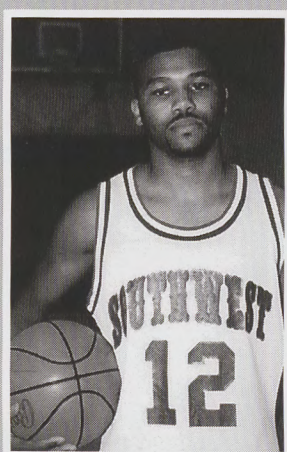
At 6'8", Zebton Wells dominates the tip-off.



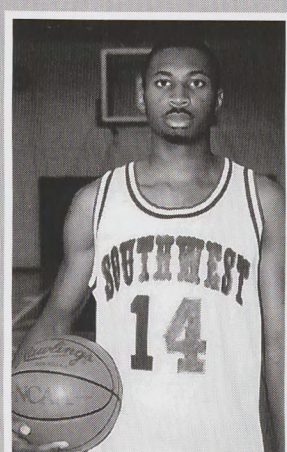
Rocky Smith



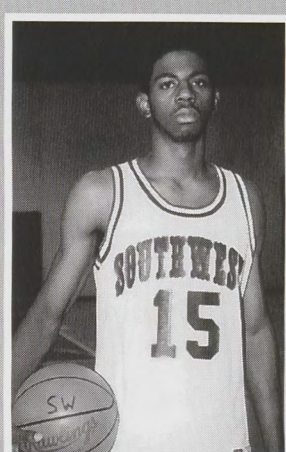
Josh Watts



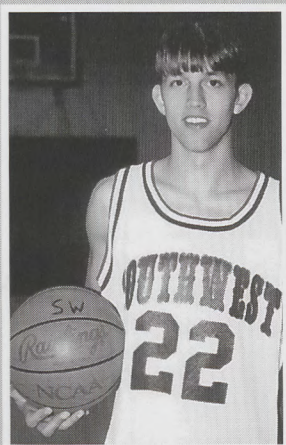
Cassidy Thompson



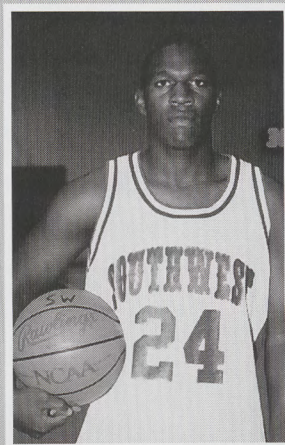
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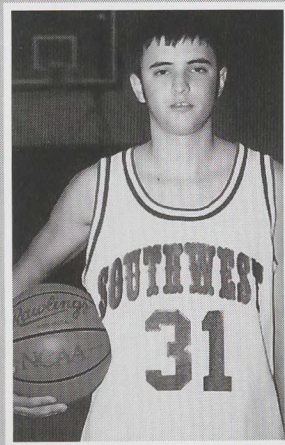
Zebton Wells



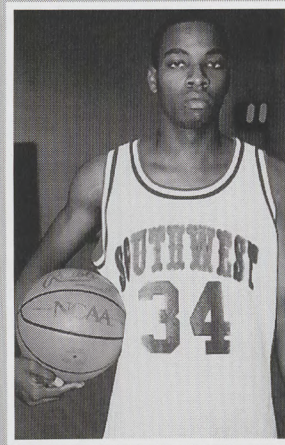
Trent Forrest



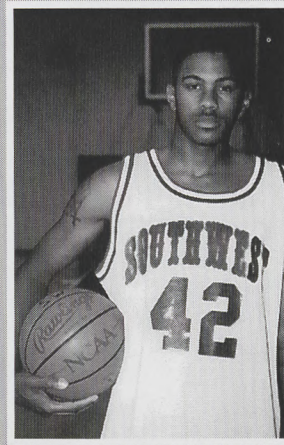
Sedric Travis



Kelly Alford



Terry Foster



E. J. Avery



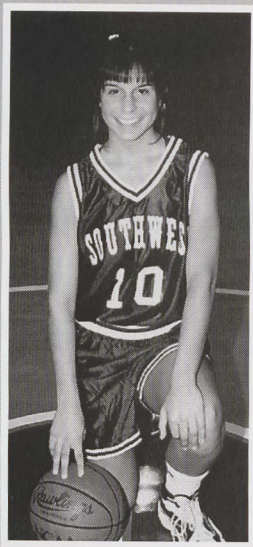
Sylvia Scott pulls it down for the Lady Bears.

In preparation for the upcoming season, Tiffnee Crumedy maneuvers the ball around her fellow Lady Bears.

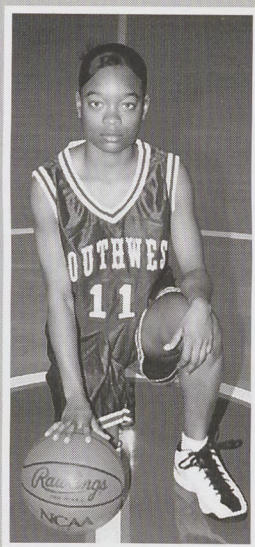
SCOREBOARD

Men's

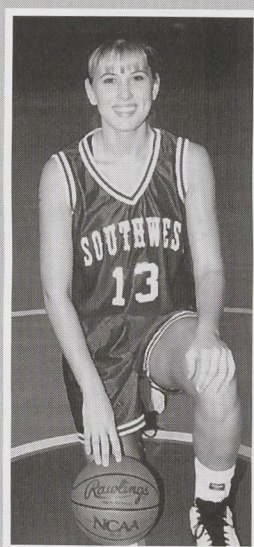
	SMCC	Opponent
Mary Holmes	116	74
Bossier Parish	82	71
Delgado	123	119
Mississippi Delta	99	98
Holmes	67	69
Co-Lin	66	89
Holmes	81	99
Crowley's Ridge	89	86
Hinds	64	76
Gulf Coast	83	82
East Central	96	80
Southern	81	95
Bossier Parish	77	94
Mississippi Delta	80	84
Delgado	74	83
East Mississippi	65	74
Pearl River	66	90
Jones	62	85
Co-Lin	81	69
Crowley's Ridge	97	80
Hinds	55	71
Gulf Coast	68	74
East Central	77	72



Ashley Zeringue



Tiffnee Crumedy



Misty Stevens



Terri Wheat



Lawanda Alexander



In the season opener against Delgado, Sedric Travis' jump shot touches nothing but the net.



Understanding that what goes up must come down, Erika Rogers times her shot based on this principle.

Winning the first nine games of the season, the Lady Bears seemed to be unbeatable. Returning from the Christmas holidays with an overall record of 9-2, the pace continued with a 74-56 victory over the Mississippi Delta Trojans.

The Lady Bears prevailed against the Lady Trojans behind the inside play of Erika Rogers and the outside shooting of guard Dee Dee Jenkins. Rogers scored 23 points and Jenkins scored 15 points, all 3-pointers. With 11:37 left in the first half, the Lady Trojans led 9-8. The Lady Bears came alive, thanks to Jenkins' four 3-pointers, ending the first half up 23-14. The victory improved the Lady Bears record to 10-2. Unfortunately, the tide turned with the Lady Bears dropping five of the next nine games.

During the season, the Lady Bears seized sizable wins. The greatest margin of victory occurred with Crowley Ridge, both at Summit and in Arkansas. Hosting Crowley's Ridge in November, the Lady Bears dominated the game with a 75-30 victory. Erika Rogers netted 17 points. Sylvia Scott added 9 points, while Misty Stevens and Lawanda Alexander scored 8 points each. Traveling to Arkansas in January, the Lady Bears once again dominated the courts with a 82-47 win. Lawanda Alexander's 13 points led five other Lady Bears in scoring. Misty Stevens had 11 points, while Terri Wheat, Brenda Alexander, Danielle Seals, and Jessica Herron all contributed 10 points each.

For the Lady Bears, it was a time of challenges, a time of growing, and by the season's end these fifteen young ladies had achieved new heights in reaching the goal.

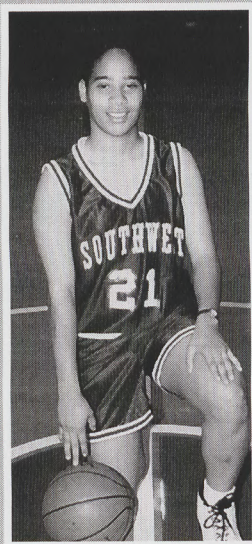
SCOREBOARD

Women's

	SMCC	Opponent
Mary Holmes	75	60
LSU Eunice	81	79
Delgado	72	65
Mississippi Delta	62	55
Holmes	75	62
Co-Lin	75	74
Holmes	65	62
Crowley's Ridge	75	30
Hinds	66	60
Gulf Coast	77	84
East Central	55	68
Mississippi Delta	74	65
LSU Eunice	56	60
Delgado	65	56
East Mississippi	70	71
Pearl River	62	51
Jones	57	88
Co-Lin	46	51
Crowley's Ridge	82	47
Hinds	66	58
Gulf Coast	73	93
East Central	56	71



Melissa Williams



Demequea Jenkins



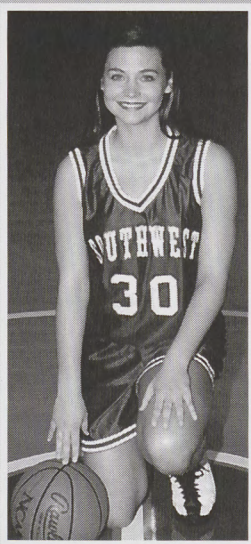
Pamela Gordon



Brenda Alexander



Erika Rogers



Danielle Seals



Sylvia Scott



Donna Ricard



Tabitha Crossley



Jessica Herron

Ashlee Zeringue finds an opening and dribbles past.



Coach Bill Wallace uses a time out to sketch new plays and plan defensive strategies.



"At this point (14-8), this is the best record the Lady Bears have ever had since I've been coaching at Southwest."

Coach Oliver Young



Terri Wheat scrambles to protect the ball from the Co-Lin Wolves.

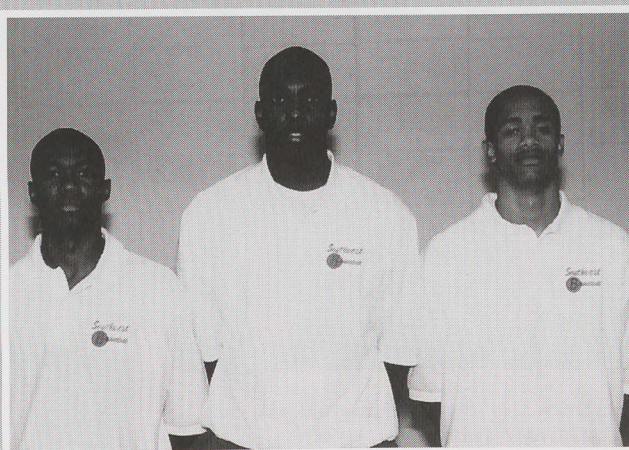


“It was a total team effort...we executed our game plan to perfection for the first time all year.”

*Coach Bill Wallace
(after Co-Lin victory)*



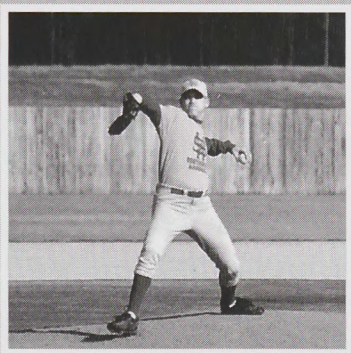
All eyes watch as Rocky Smith adds two.



Managers: Zach Ratcliff, Robert Weary, Russell Mark

Managers: Chakeitha Brown; not pictured, Tushundra Conerly

Even an elbow in the side couldn't prevent Zebton Wells from scoring.



BASEBALL

hits new heights

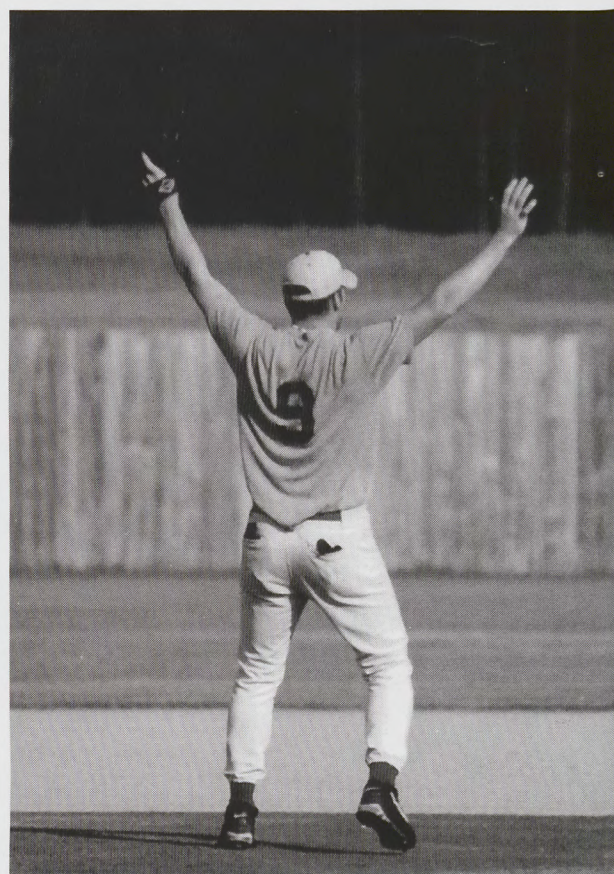


Micah Poole bunts the ball away before catcher Davian Bayham has the chance to catch it.



Throughout the season, the "boys of summer" reached new heights as individual and team players.

As relay man, Jason Fortenberry works to get the attention of an outfielder so he can throw the ball infield.



With a shout from the coach and a line drive to center field, the Bears move into action — catching, covering bases, throwing. Next, the focus moves from the outfield to batting practice as the Bears prepare for the Spring 2000 baseball season in hopes of improving last year's record.

The 1998-99 SMCC baseball team finished its season with a 17-25 record. However, statistics fail to reflect the hustle and competitive spirit the Bear team displayed throughout the season. Final scores showed that slim margins separated the Bears from their opponents. Sophomore Ben King capped off his stellar career at Southwest by being named to the first team All-State and All-Region 23 squads. At the season's end, three Bears signed senior college scholarships.

When asked at the beginning of the season to describe this year's team, Coach Larry Holmes stated, "The 1999-2000 version of Bears baseball will be one of anticipation and excitement. With the mixture of seven returnees providing great leadership and sixteen new players bringing in a degree of intensity, this spring should be one to remember. This team is made of players who can play a multitude of positions."

By season's end, a field of diversity, an excellent coaching staff, and player confidence enabled the 1999-2000 baseball season to hit new heights.

Infielders: Andy Lange, Josh Wilkinson, Richard Dodd, Wayne Raborn; back row: Scott Newman, Anatole Vincent, Jason Fortenberry, Ryan Mead



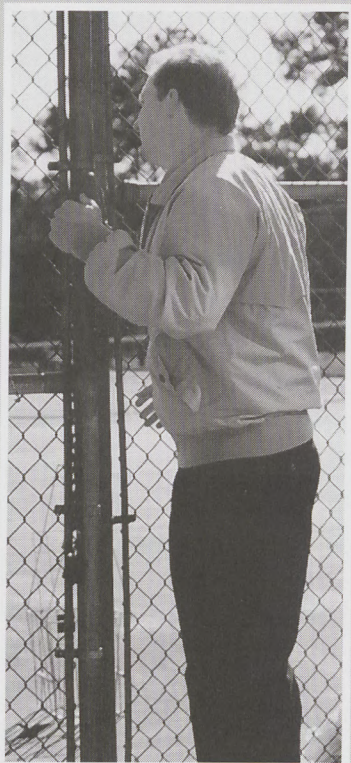
Catchers: Anatole Vincent, Davian Bayham, Jason Ellis

Pitchers: Colin Vial, Courtney Dunn, Jason Chabreck, Josh Hailey; back row: Andy Lange, Jeremiah Watson, Bradley Behrnes, Aaron Evans



Outfielders: Davian Bayham, Daniel LeGrange, Kyle Henderson; back row: John Matherne, Jay Young, Brant Kogel, Micah Poole

During October 29-31, 1999, Jason Fortenberry, Aaron Evans, Jeremiah Watson, Jay Young, Micah Poole, and Jason Ellis participated in the 1999 Region 23 JUCO All-Star Showcase at Hinds Community College.



SOFTBALL - TENNIS

met new challenges

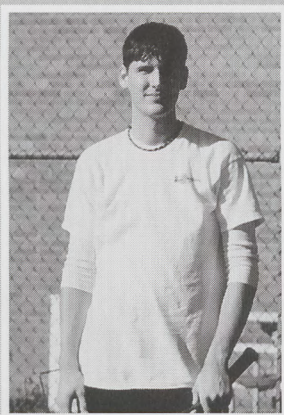
With the changing of seasons from winter to spring, sports enthusiasts direct their attention outdoors to the courts and open fields.

New faces appeared on both the softball field and tennis court this year. Joining the Southwest coaching staff, Dan Lewman, Jr., brought his vast experience in coaching women's softball to SMCC and Dr. Steve Bishop displayed his diversity as an instructor and tennis coach. Coaching strategies, team talents, and Bear spirit proved to be a winning combination.

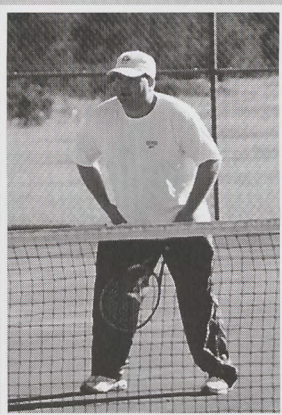
Long before the first pitch or first serve, the teams practiced and trained diligently in preparation for competition. Although new leadership often presents new challenges, Bear athletes welcomed the challenge and reached new heights on the court and playing field.



Softball Team: K. C. Elzey, Misty Nicholson, Meagan McGinnis, Jessica Easley, Leslie Sumrall; standing: Monica Weary, Jennifer McKenzie, Samantha Robertson, Becky Wheat, Shaneka Davis, Alison Dickerson

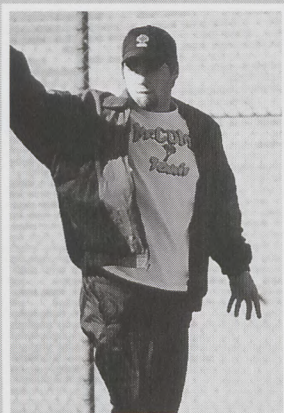


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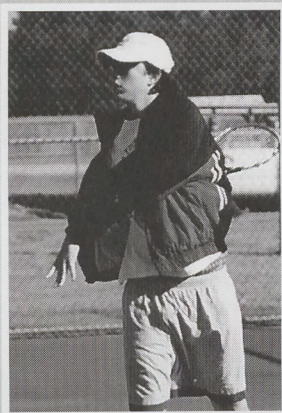


Brandon Frazier

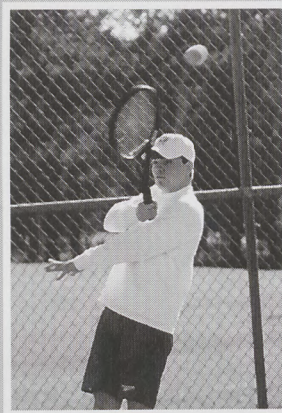
Men in Action



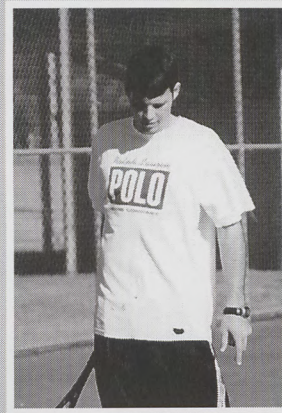
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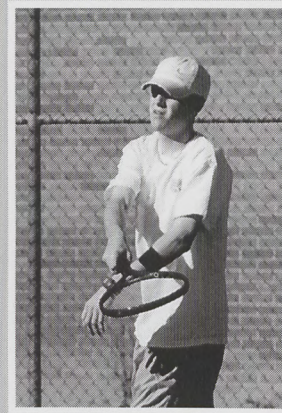
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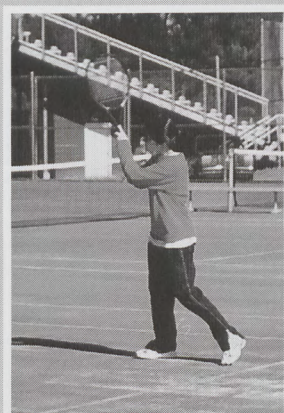
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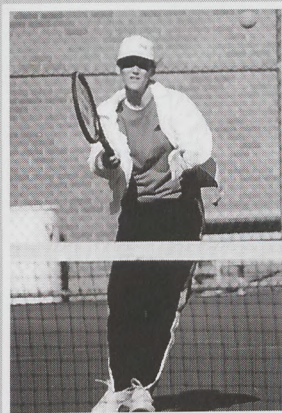
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Kandy Yawn

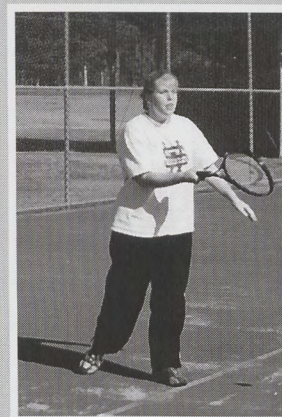


Barbara Hiers



Charlsie Whetstone

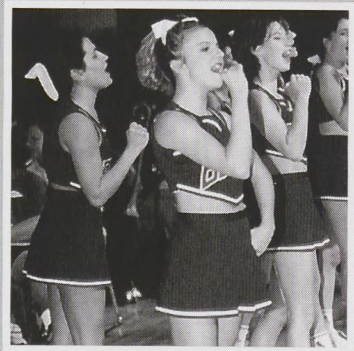
Women in Action



Betsy Brown



Kimberly Prentiss



CHEERLEADERS

keep spirits high

As Laurie Seals demonstrates, Bear cheerleaders go to any height to build Bear spirit.

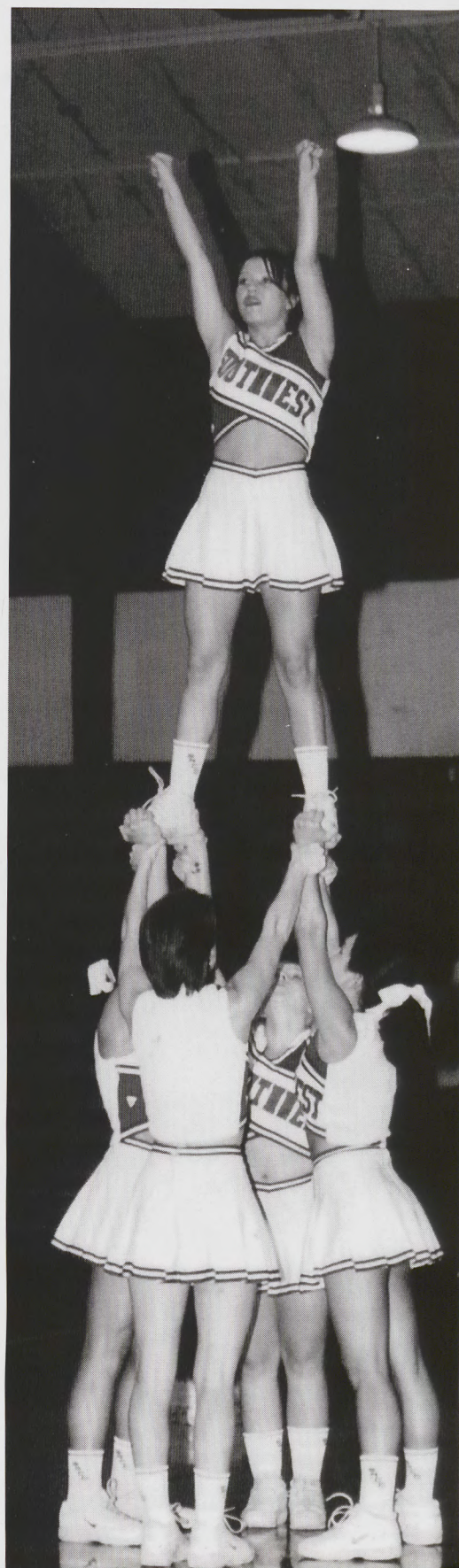
Cheerleader Captains

Beth Duncan, Frankie Glennis, Angela Burch



Bear Cheerleaders

Frankie Glennis, Angela Burch, Beth Duncan, mascot Rachel Delrie, Crystal Cornell, Laurie Seals, Veronica Welch, Danielle Young, Lana Seals, Heather Furr, Holly Knight



Sounds of "Go Bears Go" fill the air when the SMCC cheerleaders are near. Seen at pep rallies and various sporting events, these spirit leaders bounce, jump, leap, clap, chant, cheer, yell, dance, organize skits, and build pyramids with their bodies - all in an effort to motivate Bear fans and players.

For many, being a Bear cheerleader is a dream come true. For years, they have practiced, attended camps, conditioned and disciplined themselves to be cheerleaders for their local high schools. Judges select Bear cheerleaders based on their individual performances and their ability to learn a new cheer and a dance routine at the tryouts.

After being selected, their work as cheerleaders, as spirit leaders, begins in earnest. Daily practices prepare these young ladies physically for the task. At summer camp, the squad learns new cheers, jumps, and routines to motivate the Bear fans and athletic teams.

But, the cheerleaders know that their success as spirit leaders is not a single effort. Sponsored by Brenda Anders, the cheerleaders enlist the help of the Bear fans and Bear mascot Rachel Delrie, whose encouraging actions truly speak louder than words. It is this combination of energetic leaders and enthusiastic fans that keeps Bear spirits high.

Whether its cheering on the field, stage, or gym, these spirit leaders get Bear fans "fired up!"

While cheering, Frankie Glennis and Beth Duncan take a quick peek at the rest of the group.



Before a rousing pep rally crowd, the Bear mascot receives encouragement from the cheerleaders, faces its opponent across stage, and follows Veronica Welch's directions. Not only did the Bear mascot "deflate" the tiger during the pep rally match-up, but the Bear team also deflated the tigers later that night on the field.

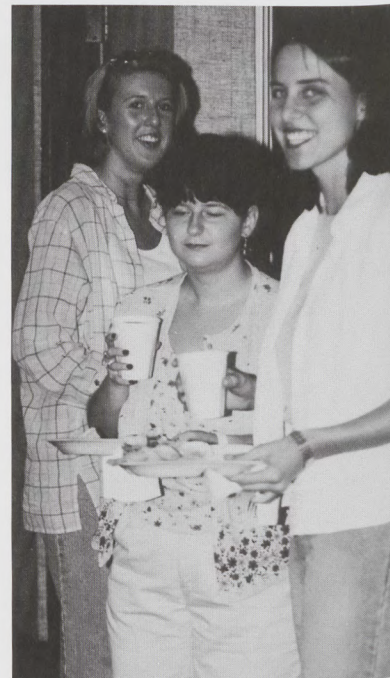


During the week, the Bear mascot rests and waits until Rachel Delrie makes it come alive.

HEIGHTS

Reaching New

Campus activities bring classmates Holly Knight, Amy Giacone, and Michelle Hennington together for fun and fellowship.



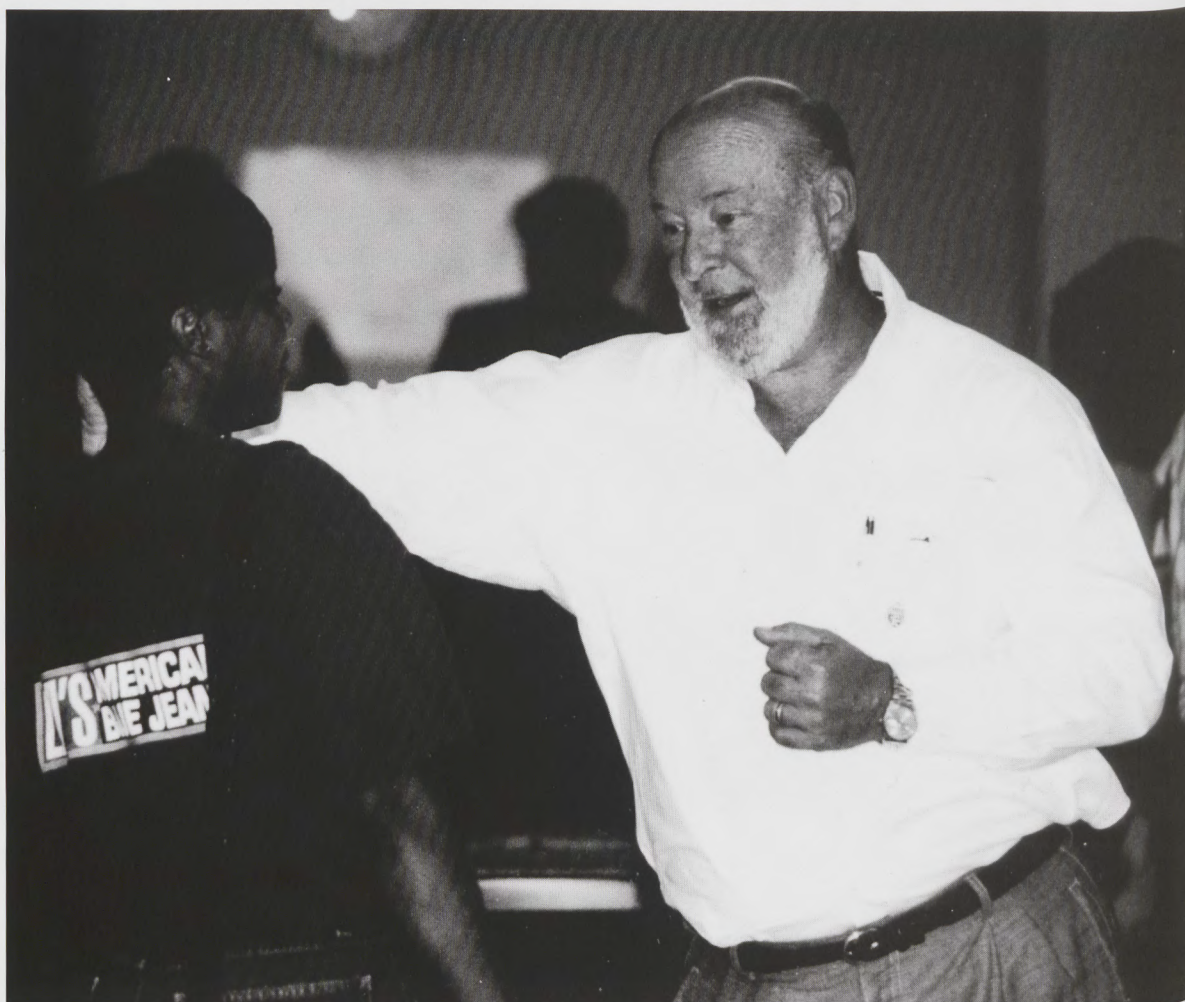
A campus without people is a campus without life. SMCC administrators, students, staff, and faculty added much life to the SMCC campus during the 1999-2000 academic year. From August registration to May graduation, people across campus brought a new dimension to campus. Through these experiences, friendships and lifelong memories evolved.

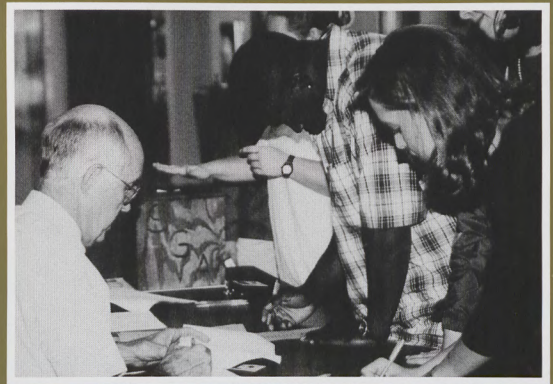
Although SMCC faculty and staff play an integral role in SMCC's success, it is

the students who are the primary focus. Without their energy, visions, hopes, and dreams for a better tomorrow, life on campus would be bleak.

Therefore, it is the people, not the buildings or beautiful campus scenery, that make SMCC a sound educational institution. For many students and faculty members alike, academic year 1999-2000 brought new personal heights.

Chatting with Kim Barnes, Shelton Whittington exhibits the SMCC spirit. The community college setting allows faculty to learn students and to give more individualized attention to them.





People

President Horace C. Holmes

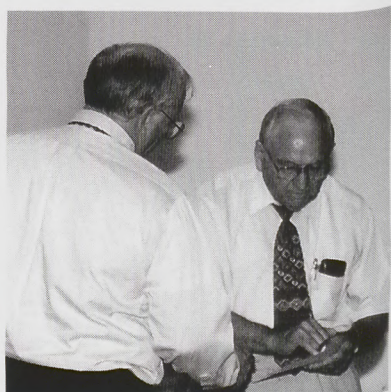
Leads SMCC into new

Behind a successful program stands a sound leader. President Horace C. Holmes, SMCC's leader for 28 years, proves to be a leader with such distinction. His years in the classroom as instructor, on the court as basketball coach, and in administrative duties as Academic Dean/Vice-President prepared him for his role as president of what he maintains is the "finest institution in the state."

Viewing each SMCC student as the primary focus of this institution, President Holmes supports and oversees projects of construction, renovations, restorations, or improvements that will benefit students. A newly constructed student parking lot behind Kenna Hall and the direct access to campus provided greater conveniences for students this year. Technological advancements across campus helped prepare students for the demands of the new millennium, and the new Student Union, planned for construction in 2000, supports the vision President Holmes has for SMCC's continued growth. Not satisfied with past accomplishments, President Holmes seeks

new ways to improve SMCC. With the birth of the new millennium, President Holmes desires continued "strong instructional programs" that prepare students to be positive contributors to society. Believing that today's youth possesses the qualities to "turn this world around," he encourages faculty to communicate the importance of "strong family values and character" to these future leaders. His love for this institution and the hope its students hold for tomorrow furnish the energy he needs to continue as president.

Although day-to-day duties force his attention inside the confines of the Administration Building, President Holmes enjoys each opportunity to leave his office to mingle with faculty, staff, students, alumni, supporters, and the community. Through contact with President Holmes, others quickly see by his actions and speech that he is indeed SMCC's greatest fan, supporter, and promoter. As in the past, the new millennium will continue to find President Holmes and SMCC reaching new heights in educational excellence.



millennium, new heights ==



Board of Trustees

Serving as the governing body, the Board of Trustees plays a vital role in the total operation of SMCC. During monthly meetings, board members discuss and determine the actions of SMCC. In addition to routine campus maintenance and technological advancements, noted improvements this past year included the completion and dedication of the new Hershel Grady Memorial

Highway leading directly to campus, plans for a new two-story Student Union, and the construction of another access road that loops behind the Vo-Tech building.

With each decision made, each action taken, the Board of Trustees steers this institution in a direction so that SMCC continues to reach new heights.



Rev. Nathan Johnson
Pike County



Wayne Busby
Pike County



Delores McCalip
Pike County



Reggie Jones
Amite County



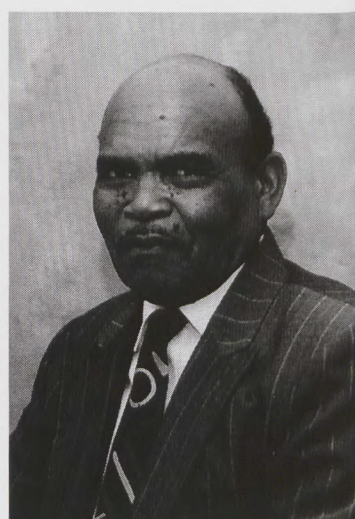
Rebecca Robertson
Amite County



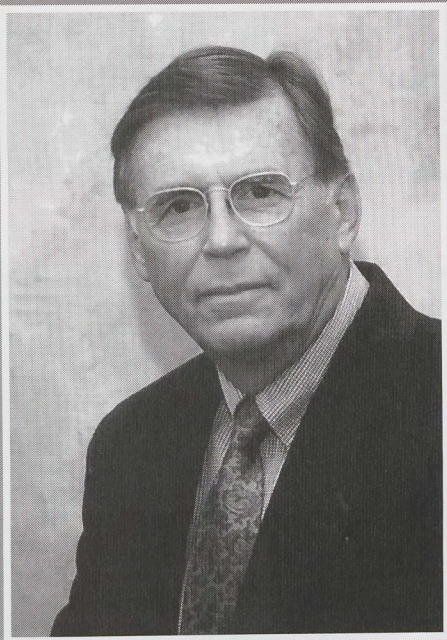
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Dalton Williams
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Beachman Williams
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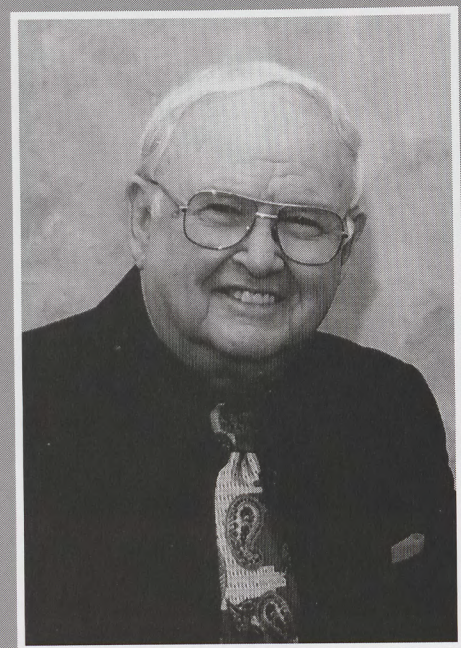
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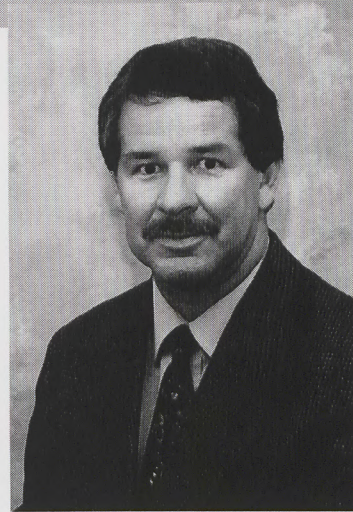


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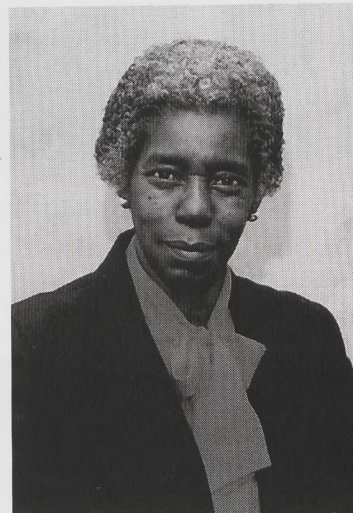
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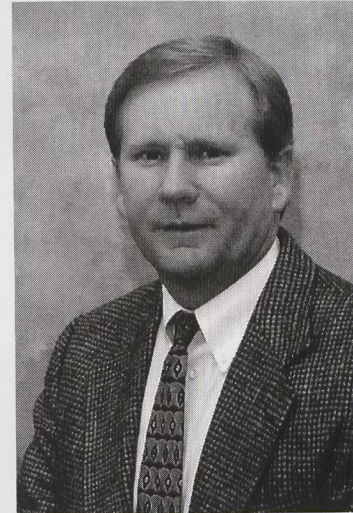
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Walthall County



Jimmy Lowery
Walthall County



Mildred McGhee
Wilkinson County



David Crawford
Wilkinson County



Bill Sharp
Amite County



Martha Jackson
Pike County



Grady Smith
Business Manager



Judy Davis
Assistant Business Manager



John Thomas
Director of JTPA



K. L. Simmons
Assistant Director of Vo-Tech



Ken Morris
*Director of Vo-Tech
Work Based Learning Coordinator*



Charles Sterling
Assistant Director of Vo-Tech

Administrators



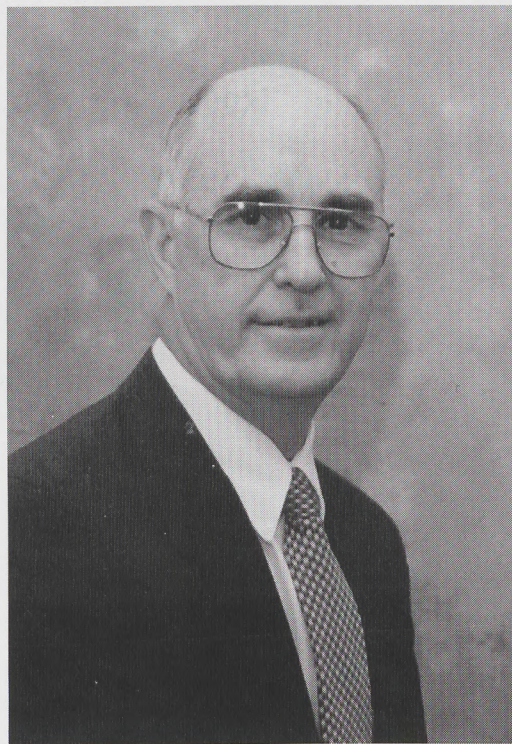
Jerry Malone
Director of Career Center



Glenn Shoemake
Registrar
Director of Admissions
Director of Institutional Research



Jerry Reid
Assistant to Dean of Students
Director of Alumni Affairs



Dr. Oliver Young
Dean of Students
Financial Aid Director



William H. Johnson
Dean of Instruction

Faculty

Faculty members are an equally diverse group bringing varying backgrounds and experiences to the college scene. Regardless of previous backgrounds, faculty members unite to create an excellent learning environment for SMCC students. They counsel those that are away from home for the first time, assist students with career choices and job opportunities, and prepare students for the "world of work" or a major university. Whatever the task, SMCC faculty ensures that each student reaches new academic and personal heights.

Cathy Andrews
Nursing
Hammer Arnold
Welding
Maxine Bierbaum
Librarian
Dr. Steve Bishop
Speech

Dale Bond
Business Education
Jennifer Bond
Basic Skills
Cecelia Brister
Accounting, Economics
Charles Brister
Old Testament

Dawn Brumfield
Learning Lab Director, English
Rebecca Brumfield
Nursing
Brenda Burch
Nurse Aide
Virginia Burrows
Art

While updating their documents, nursing instructors Jan Mearkle and Emily Phillips discuss the importance of institutional planning.



During Homecoming '99, computer science instructor Sally Coulter takes time alone and relieves some stress.





Laura Calhoun
Mathematics, Computer Science
Dr. Thomas Calhoun
Math and Science Chair, Mathematics
Charles Carruth
Real Estate, Business Law
Leeanne Case
Business Education

Tina Chisholm
Academic Counselor
Joy Clayton
Nursing
Dr. Elaine M. Coney
English, Foreign Language
Teresa Coon
Nursing

Joe Cornacchione
Carpentry
Sally Coulter
Computer Science
Paul Dancsisin
Politian Science, History
Brooks Dearing
Automotive Mechanics

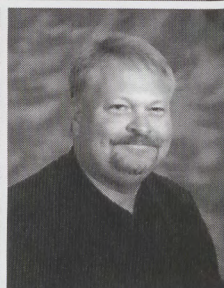
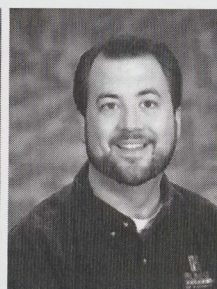
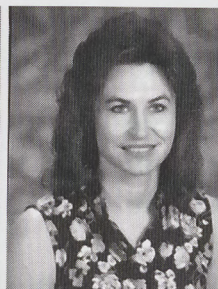


Capturing the family spirit faculty members at SMCC enjoy, Humanities and Social Sciences instructors gathered one Saturday at Sam McKinney's farm for a time of food, fun, and fellowship.

William Dunn
Women's Softball Coach, Dorm Host
Cathy Ellett
Personal Development Specialist
Joe Elliott
Voice, Music
Danny Esch
Diesel Mechanics

Betty Fulgham
Nursing
Patsy Giles
Mathematics
Merrielyn Ginn
History
Tommye Lou Grenn
Adult Basic Education

Carla Griffin
Biological Science
Mary Guy
Chemistry
Jay Hays
Physics, Physical Science
Butch Holmes
Assistant Baseball Coach, Health



During faculty workshops in August, Ramona Young demonstrated basic lifesaving techniques for an attentive group.

After teaching six classes and serving as division chair, Sam McKinney enjoys long walks around his lake with his faithful friend Max.



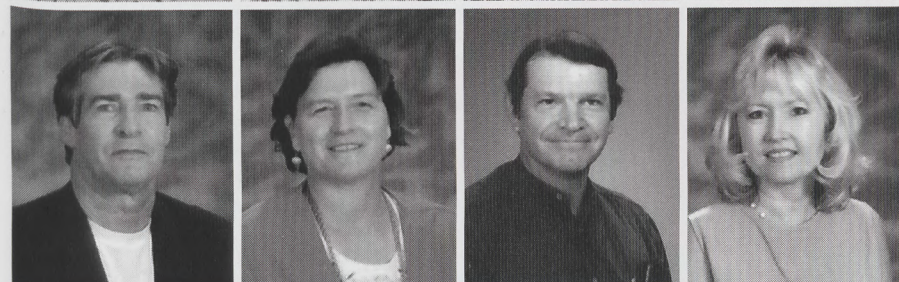
Faculty



Larry Holmes
Baseball Coach, History
Nancy Holmes
Reading
Sue Janes
Biological Science
Betty Johnson
Academic Counselor, Psychology



Stacy Kelly
Child Development
Hank Krone
Robotic Technology
Connie Lambuth
Piano, Music
Sharon Lawson
Director of Public Relations, Speech



Carey Lee
Marketing and Merchandising Technology
Darlene Lindsey
Nursing
Bob Little
Machine Shop
Regina Lowe
Nursing



Gwen May
English, Reading
Delinda McGhee
Nursing
Jane McGrew
Director of Associate Degree Nursing
Sam McKinney
Social Science Chair, Sociology, Political Science



Kenneth Miller
Assistant Football Coach, Law Enforcement
Sandy Morrish
Special Populations Coordinator
James O'Rourke
English
Ron Pennington
Electrical Technology



Emily Phillips
Nursing
Katherine Prentiss
Nursing
Dr. Pat Price
Psychology
Debera Reeves
Mathematics

Faculty

Lamar Rogers
Industrial Services Coordinator
James Rushing
Vocational Counselor
Jack Seale
Tech Prep Coordinator
Patricia Seale
Mathematics

Sandra Stinson
EMT Paramedic Technology
Dixie Stokes
Child Development
Diane Turnage
Biological Science
Dr. Michael Walker
Technology/Telecommunications Specialist

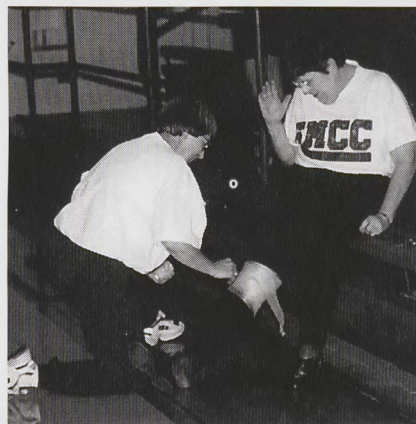
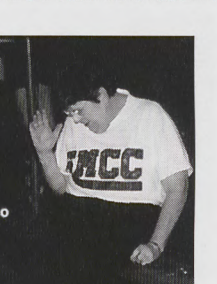
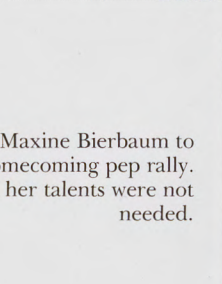
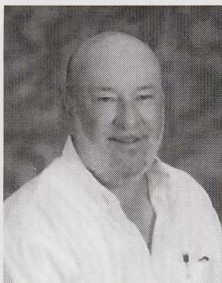
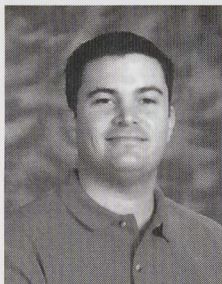
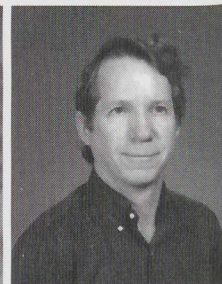
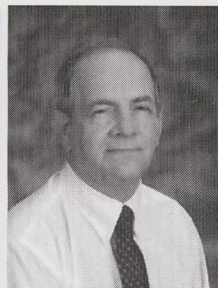
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Boy's Basketball Coach, Physical Education
Jeff Waller
Director of Small Business Development Center
Barbara Walter
Nursing
Helen Whittington
Nursing

Shelton Whittington
Music
Sissy Whittington
Director of Institutional Advancement
Carolyn Williams
Work Force/Basic Skills Specialist
Dr. Jeanne Williams
Humanities Chair, English

Royce Williams
Heating/Air Conditioning
Becky Wilson
Nursing
Amelia Yawn
Biological Science
Jo Ann Young
LLRC Director, Librarian

Ramona Young
Nursing

Merrielyn Ginn prepares Maxine Bierbaum to cheer in the Homecoming pep rally. Fortunately for Maxine, her talents were not needed.



Staff

Being in charge of maintenance at SMCC is a great task, yet Jerry King and Butch Stringer eagerly seek to please.



New to the SMCC housekeeping staff, Dottie Andrews exhibits her professionalism by taking pride in a job well done.



Often found behind the scenes, behind the classroom setting, staff members keep the day-to-day business at SMCC going smoothly. Whether it's assisting students, administration, or faculty, each staff member does his/her part to contribute to the overall success of SMCC.

Whatever their duty or task, these staff members extend helping hands to ensure that SMCC reaches new heights.



Jo Baker

Hostess, Recreational Building

Jo Ann Boyd

Accounts Payable Clerk

Carol Breland

Business Office Clerk

Diane Cooper

Secretary to Tech Prep Coordinator

Carl Davis

Chief of Security

Debbie Hodges

JTPA Clerk

Nelda Huffman

Vocational-Technical Secretary

Milissa Johnson

Secretary to President

Louella Kornegay

Student Union Cashier

Rhonda Nevels

Bookstore Assistant, Learning Lab Assistant

Becky Newman

Payroll Clerk

Dionne Newman

Secretary to Athletic Department

Lisa Stewart

Bookstore Manager

Butch Stringer, Jr.

Maintenance

Gloria VanNorman

Computer Laboratory/Library Assistant

Teresa Wilson

Receptionist

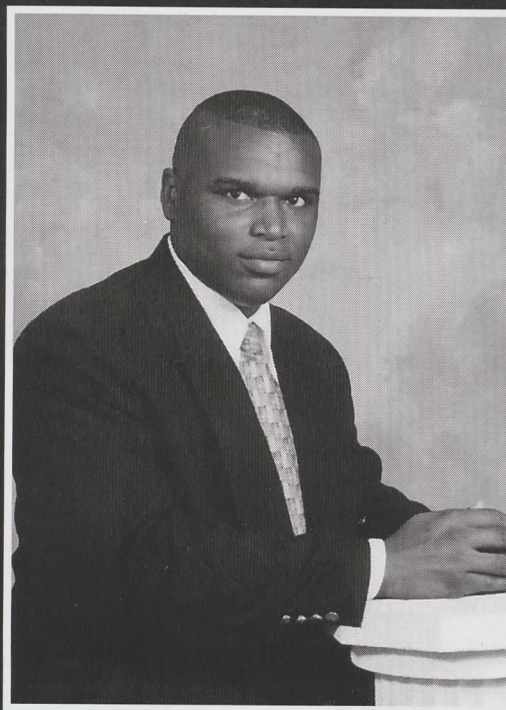
Hall of

Edward L. Waller, Jr.

Edward, a graduate of Tylertown High School, is the son of Edward, Sr., and Shirley Waller of Tylertown.

In high school, Edward maintained a 4.0 GPA. He was selected to the Hall of Fame, elected "Most Likely to Succeed," and named All District in football.

At Southwest, Edward was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa, Bear Trackers, and the SACS Steering Committee. He represented SMCC at the state computer programming competition where his team tied for second place. As a computer engineering major, he plans to continue his education at Mississippi State University.

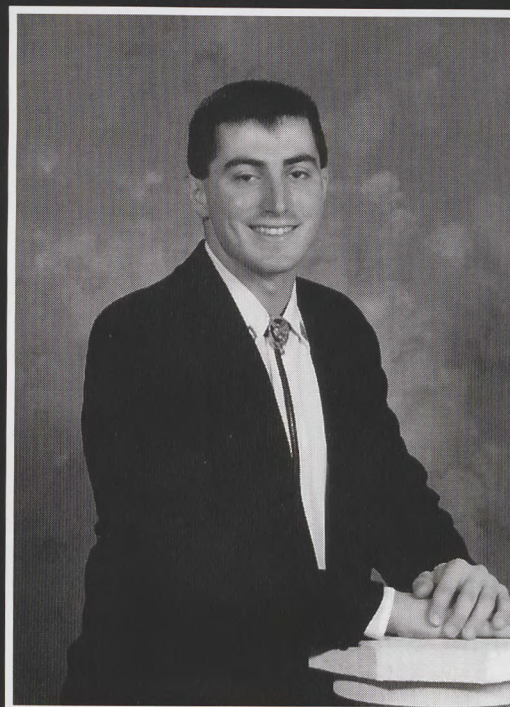


Courtney Applewhite

Courtney, daughter of Becky Applewhite of Summit and Allen Applewhite of Osyka, is a McComb High School graduate pursuing a nursing degree. Courtney is the reigning Pike County Miss Hospitality.

During her freshman year at Southwest, Courtney was freshman maid, campus beauty, and a vocalist with Reflection, the SMCC choir, and the All-State Honor Choir. As a sophomore, Courtney served as SGA treasurer and a vocalist for Reflection and the SMCC choir. In addition, she was elected Homecoming Queen, campus beauty, and a member of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Courtney plans to remain at Southwest, enrolling in the ADN program.



Jackie D. Robbins

Jackie, son of Jackie W. and Brenda Robbins of Monticello, is a pre-veterinary major with plans to attend Mississippi State University after touring and singing country gospel music. A graduate of Lawrence County High School, Jackie graduated fifth in his class and lettered in both football and baseball.

At Southwest, Jackie was named to Who's Who Among American Junior College Students. He also contributed his musical talents to the Stage Band, SMCC choir, and Reflection.

Fame

Keri May

An accounting major, Keri is the daughter of George and Gwen May of Bogue Chitto. She is a graduate of Parklane Academy.

A 4.0 GPA honor student, Keri served as Student Government Association treasurer and Phi Theta Kappa historian. She was co-editor of *Whispering Pines*, a Bear Tracker, and sophomore class favorite. In addition, she was selected as a member of the Honors Forum leadership class and Who's Who Among American Junior College Students.

After graduating from Southwest, Keri plans to continue her education at Mississippi College.



Frankie Glennis

Graduating from North Pike High School, Frankie is the daughter of C. V. and Susan Glennis of Summit.

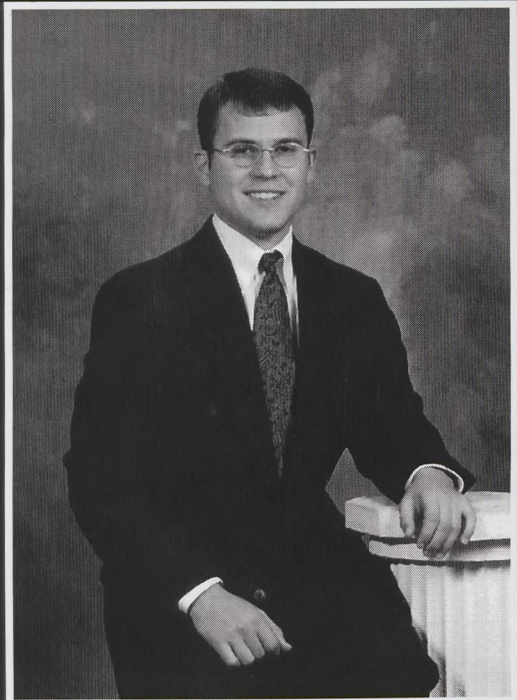
During her freshman year at Southwest, Frankie served as a secretary of the Student Government Association and was elected class favorite. As a sophomore, Frankie served as Student Government Association president, Phi Theta Kappa vice-president, cheerleader captain, and a Bear Tracker. Faculty selected Frankie as Outstanding Student and named her to Who's Who Among American Junior College Students. In addition, she was a member of the SMCC concert choir and was campus favorite.

After graduation, Frankie, a communications major, plans to continue her education at William Carey College.

Kyle E. Touchstone

Kyle, son of Doug and Judy Touchstone of McComb, is a North Pike graduate. A communications major with an emphasis in public relations and political science, Kyle plans to attend Mississippi State University after his Southwest graduation.

At Southwest, Kyle was a vocalist for the SMCC choir and Reflection. As a member of the Southwest choir, Kyle was a member of the All State Honor Choir. Elected campus beau, Kyle was also chosen to be a member of Honor's Forum, an invitation-only leadership class.



— Miss SMCC —



Maggie Herrin

Mr. SMCC



Taylor Young

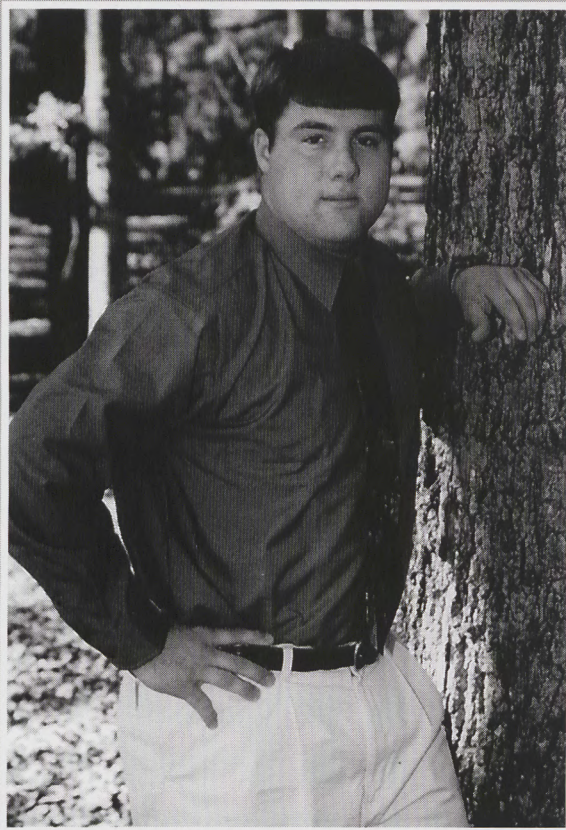
Who's Who

Campus Favorite

Dustin Lott

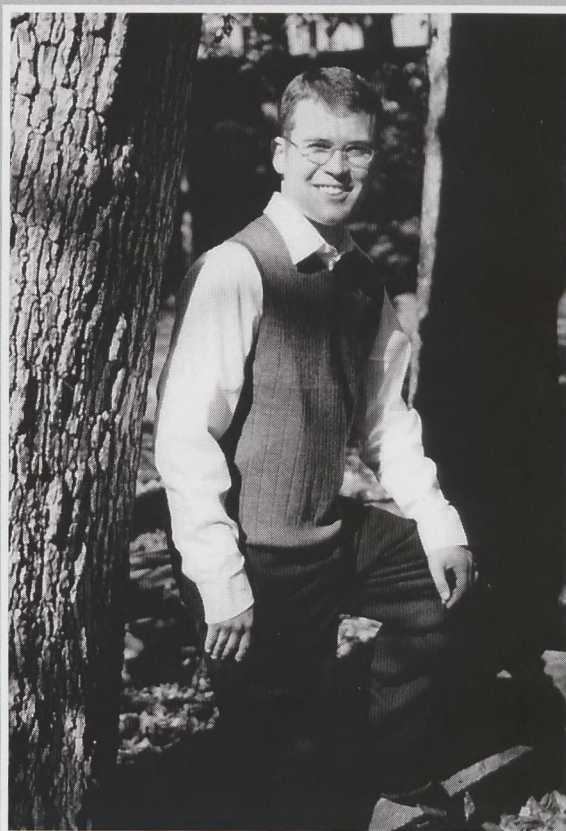
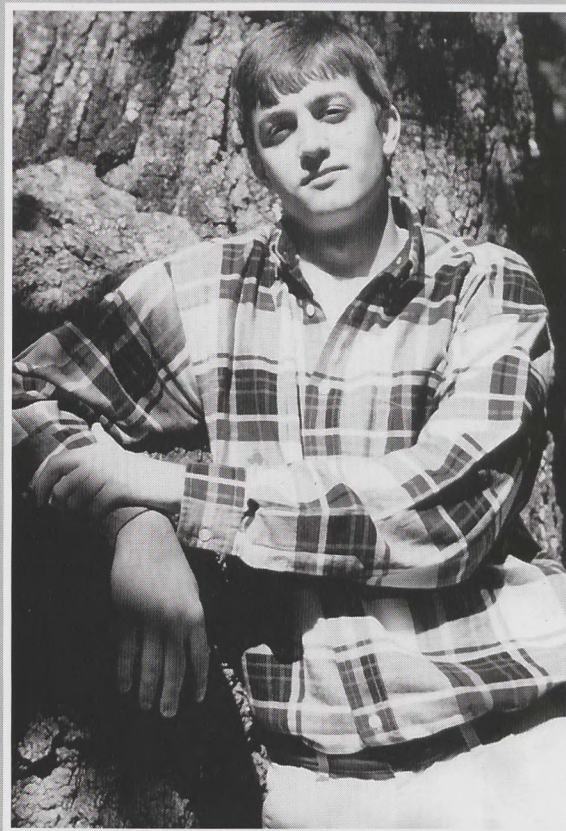
Most Handsome

Kelly Reid



Campus Beau

Kyle Touchstone





Campus Favorite

Frankie Glennis

Most Beautiful

Danielle Seals



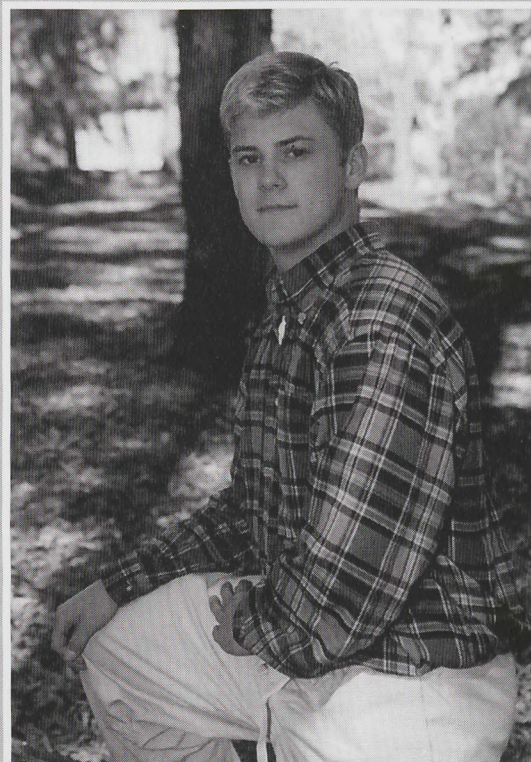
Campus Beauty

Courtney Applewhite

— Freshmen Beauties and Beaus —



Melissa Williams



Richard Dodd



Josh Watts

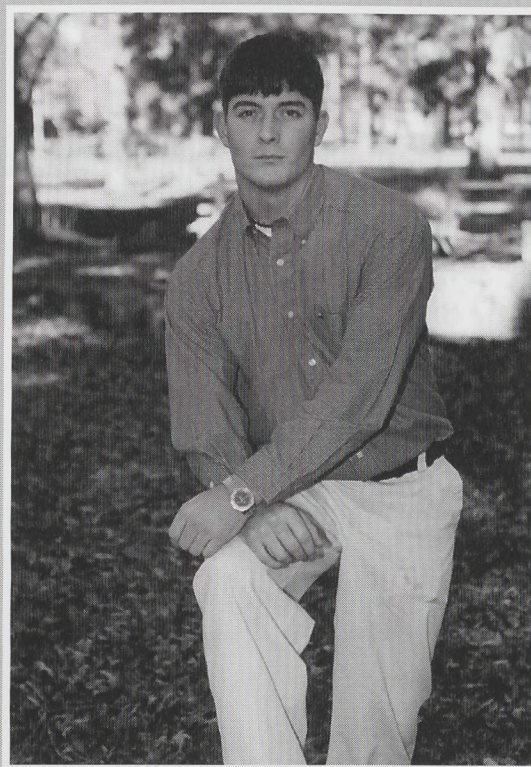


Heather Furr

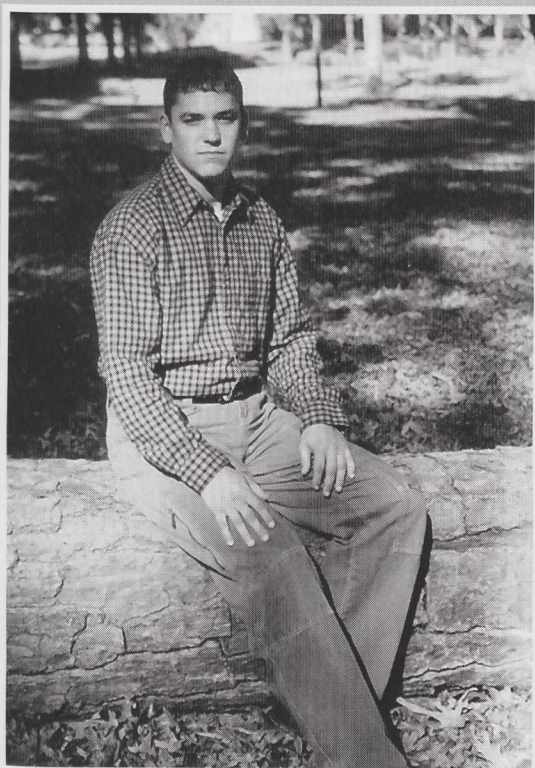
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Kandy Yawn



Micah Poole



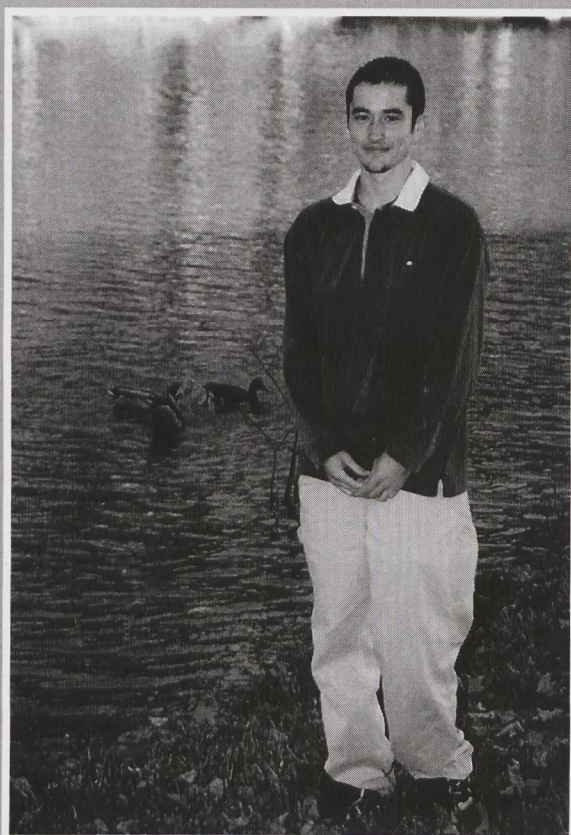
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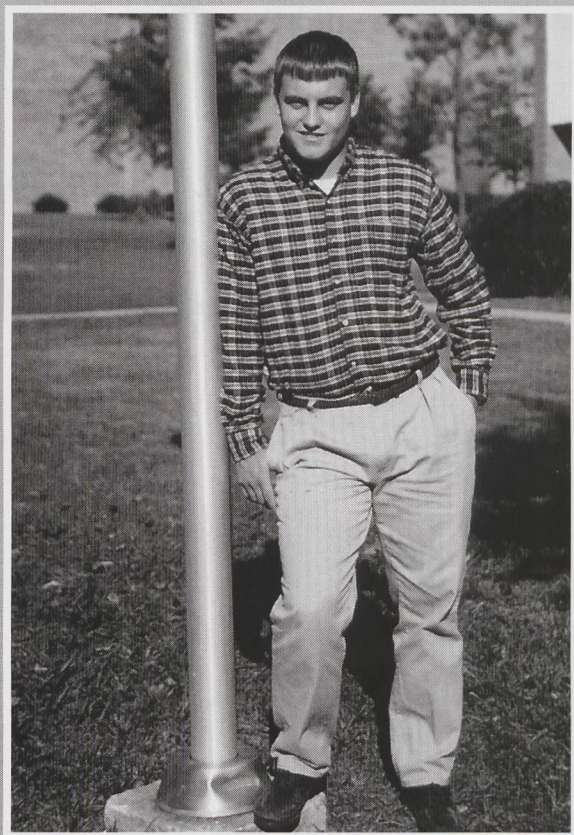
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Freshmen Favorites

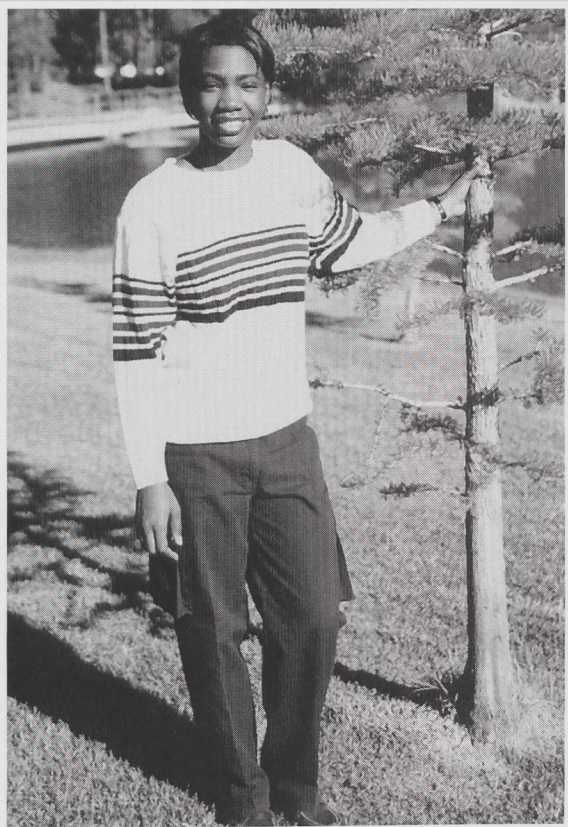
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Samuel Griffin



Robert Waldrop



Tabitha Crossley

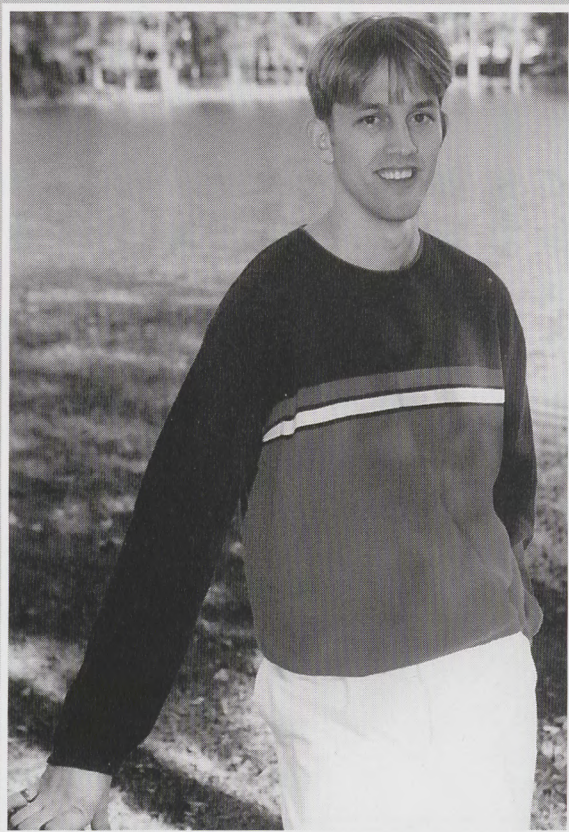


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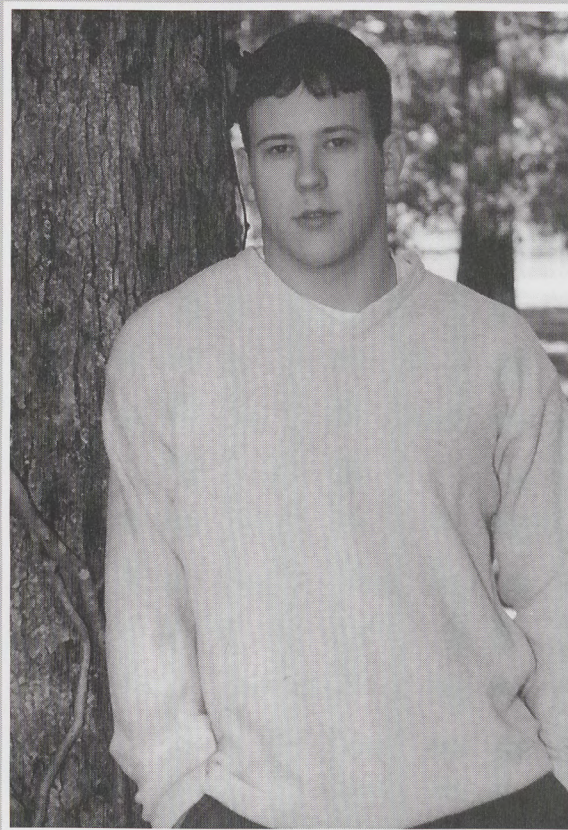
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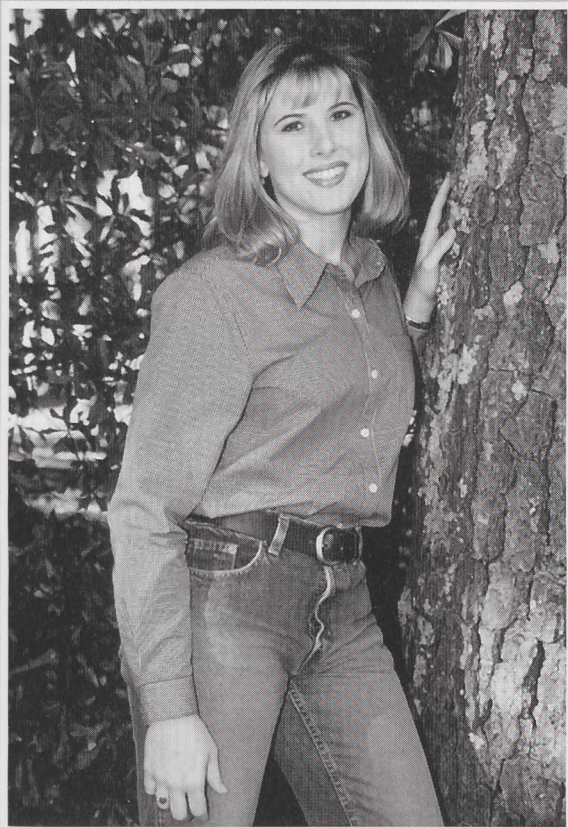


Trent Forrest

Mack Hart



Sophomore Favorites



Misty Stevens



Samantha Robertson



Keri May

== Outstanding Instructor and Student ==



Each year the Higher Education Appreciation Day Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) program honors an outstanding faculty member and an outstanding student from each participating member institution of the Mississippi Association of Colleges. Betty Johnson, Academic Counselor and psychology instructor, and Frankie A. Glennis, a communication and English major, received this year's honor as SMCC's Outstanding Instructor and Outstanding Student.

A SMCC employee for 27 years, Mrs. Johnson received her B.A. from Mississippi College and her M.Ed. Degree from Mississippi State University. She is a member of the

Mississippi Counseling Association, Mississippi Community/Junior College Counselors, and past president of the Magnolia Region, Mississippi Counseling Association.

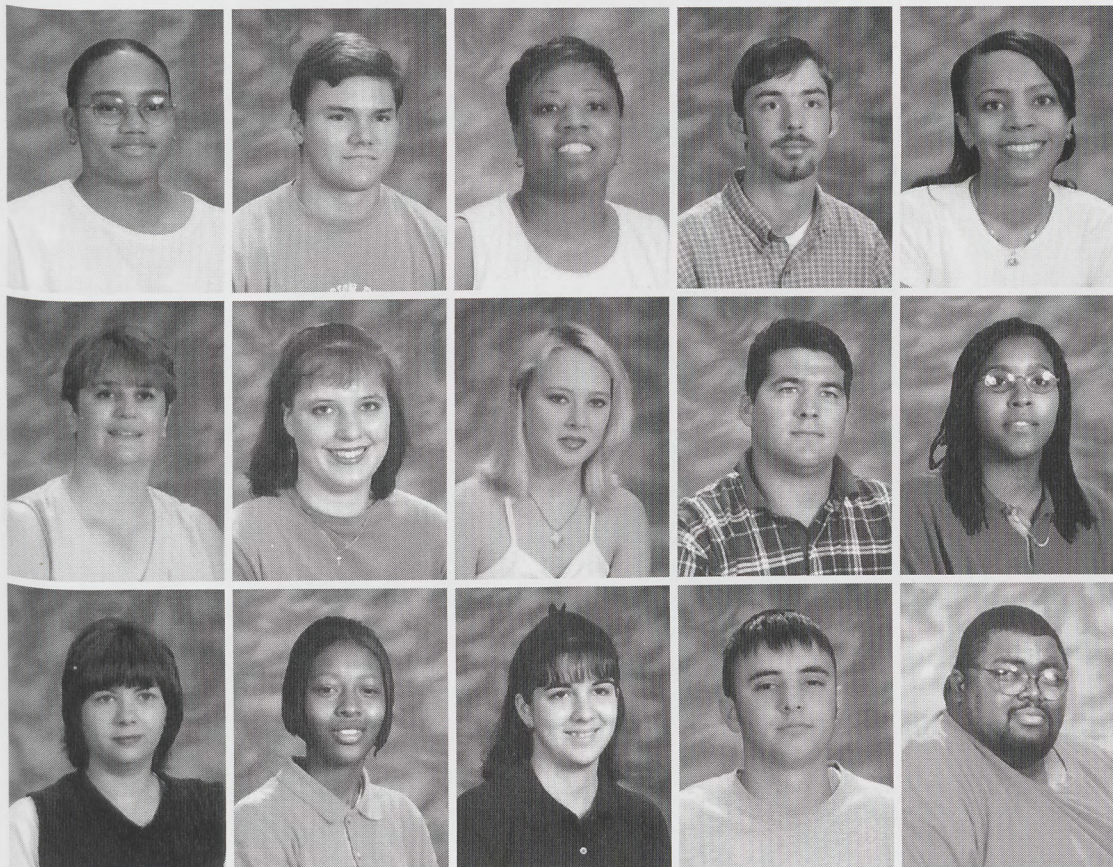
Frankie Glennis, a 4.0 GPA scholar, served as Student Government president, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society vice-president, and cheerleading captain. At SMCC, she was a member of the choir, Baptist Student Union leadership team, and an invitation only Honor's Forum Leadership class. After completing her chosen field of study, Frankie aspires to teach Speech and English at the college level.



The cafeteria staff, led by Martha Young, Director of Food Services, strives to provide hot, nutritious meals for SMCC students, faculty, staff, and administrators.



For a quick bite between classes or games of pool, many students patronize the grill where they receive a hot meal with a smile.



Danielle Abbott, *Gloster*
Wes Adams, *McComb*
Tracey Adams, *Jackson*
Justin Addison, *Summit*
Tawnyna Addison, *McComb*

Gina Akers, *McComb*
Jill Albritton, *Bogue Chitto*
Carri Alderman, *Gloster*
Ray Alesich, *Liberty*
Brenda Alexander, *Magnolia*

Courtney Alexander, *Tylertown*
Lawanda Alexander, *Summit*
Nicole Alexander, *McComb*
Kelly Alford, *Kentwood, LA*
L. D. Alfred, Jr., *Foxworth*

Allen

Isabel Allen, *McComb*
 Mareeta Allen, *McComb*
 Rhonda Allen, *Centreville*
 Linda Anazia, *McComb*
 LaQuestor Anderson, *Centreville*

Leigh Anderson, *Liberty*
 Daniel Andrews, *McComb*
 Earl Anthony, *Woodville*
 Courtney Applewhite, *Summit*
 Eugenia Ard, *Summit*

Decley Ashley, *Crosby*
 Eashan Ashley, *Crosby*
 Minnie Ashley, *Summit*
 Trequilla Ashley, *Summit*
 Glenn Avants, *Bogue Chitto*



Prior to the Thanksgiving holidays, baseball players Andy Lange, Kyle Henderson, Davian Bayham, Ryan Mead, Josh Hailey, and Colin Vial left the playing field long enough to take a field trip with fellow classmates to Global Wildlife in neighboring Louisiana.

Although the gymnasium echoed with cheering Bear supporters for the fall pep rallies, Samantha Robertson displayed her enthusiasm without having to utter a word.



Brice



Jenna Baker, *Liberty*
 Erin Bandy, *Fayette*
 Shawn Bankston, *Jayess*
 Molly Bass, *Summit*
 Frankie Battiste, *Natchez*

Angie Beard, *McComb*
 William Bentley, *Centreville*
 Brittany Birdsong, *Osyka*
 Stephanie Blades, *Kentwood, LA*
 Lisa Bland, *McComb*

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 Barbara Blow, *Ponchatoula, LA*
 Janna Blue, *McComb*
 Rodney Bond, *Osyka*
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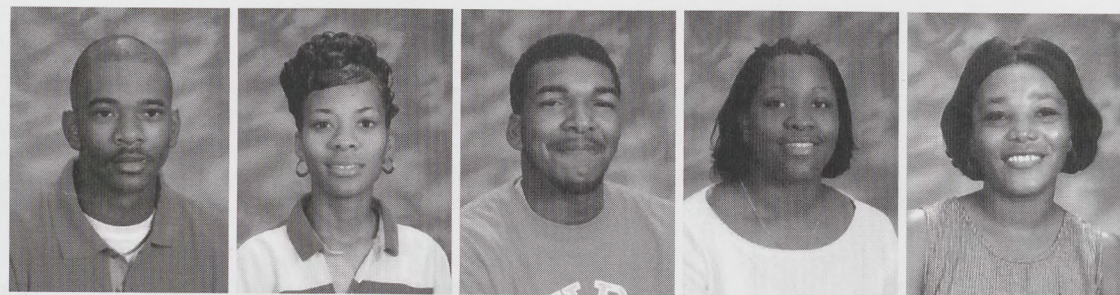
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 Tena Bourg, *McComb*
 Rebecca Bowlin, *McComb*
 Karmisha Bowman, *Bogue Chitto*
 Telia Bowman, *Bogue Chitto*

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 Sandra Boyd, *Jayess*
 Shane Boyd, *McComb*
 Wendy Boyd, *McComb*
 Yates Boyd, *Tylertown*

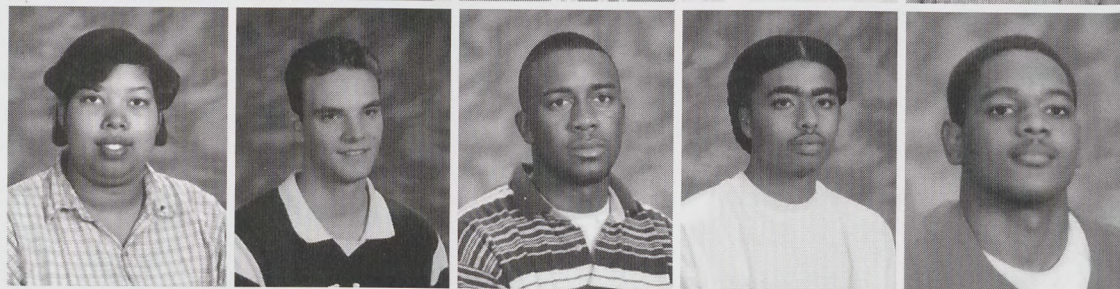
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 Sonda Branch, *Sandy Hook*
 Justin Breaux, *McComb*
 Idalia Brecheen, *Liberty*
 James Brice, *Liberty*

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Alvin Bridges, Jayess
Kelly Bridges, Tylertown
Kelvin Bridges, Jayess
Natasha Bridges, Jayess
Priscilla Bridges, Tylertown



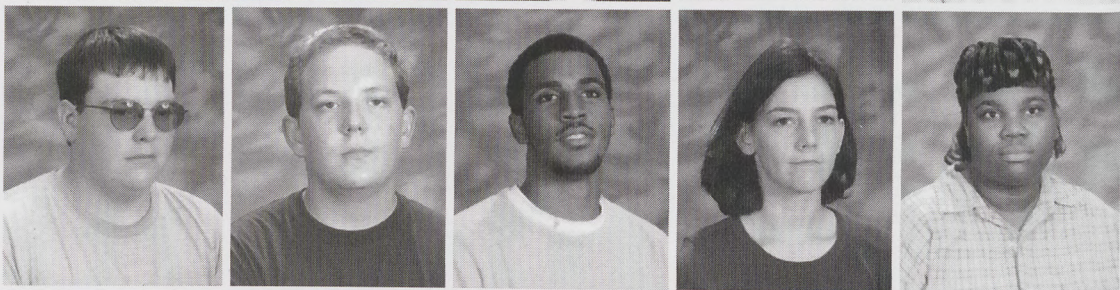
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Joshua Brister, French Settlement, LA
Kedrick Brister, McComb
Patrick Brooks, Magnolia
Carlus Brown, McComb



Chakietha Brown, Sandy Hook
Connie Brown, McComb
Erica Brown, McComb
Geronda Brown, McComb
Glenda Brown, Woodville



Jeremy Brown, Bogue Chitto
Jimmy Brown, Magnolia
John Brown, McComb
Laura Brown, Tylertown
Loreese Brown, Summit



Rebecca Brown, Magnolia
Sadie Brown, McComb
Tiffany Brown, Tylertown
Derrick Brumfield, Summit
Olean Brumfield, Tylertown



Samuel Brumfield, Tylertown
Shaquilla Brumfield, McComb
Buffy Bryant, Magnolia
Felicia Bryant, Brookhaven
Tysha Bryant, Monticello



Butler



After a busy day of classes, Al-bresie Williams and Clinton Dillon sit and watch the world go by.



Whispering Pines co-editor Keri May gets help from Bracey in locating spots on campus for "Who's Who" pictures.



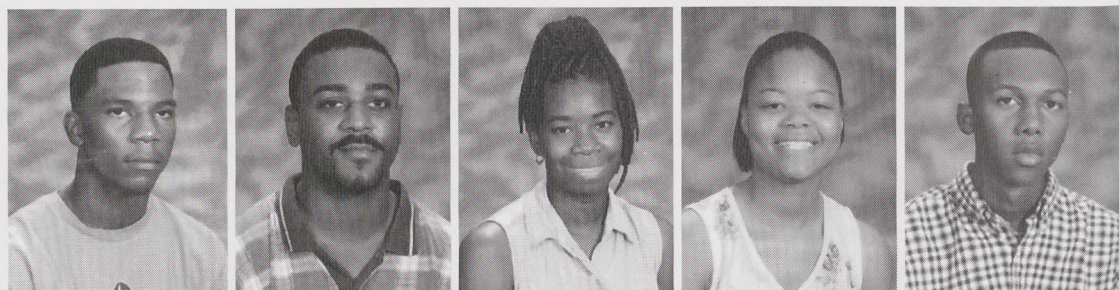
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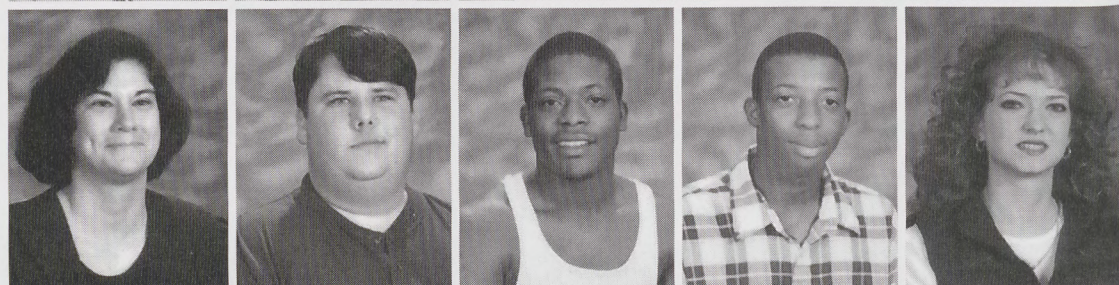
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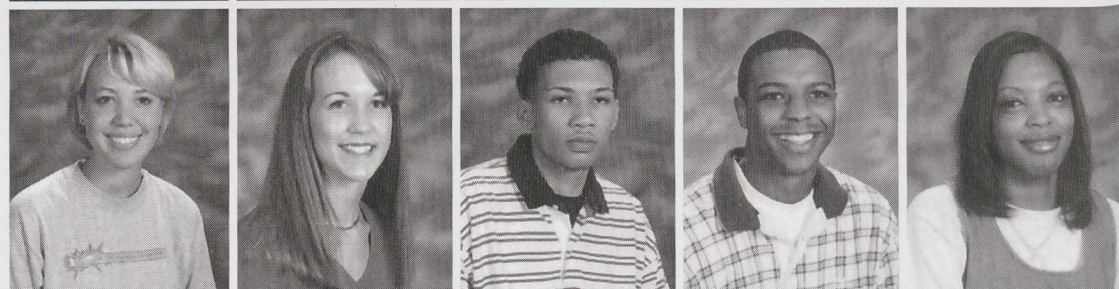
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Jeremy Cain, *Liberty*



Kim Callais, *Summit*
Chris Callen, *Kenner, LA*
David Cameron, *Summit*
Lance Cameron, *McComb*
Miranda Campbell, *Summit*



Sara Campbell, *Tylertown*
Karla Carpenter, *Osyka*
Corey Carr, *Summit*
Derick Carr, *McComb*
Persondra Carr, *Tylertown*



Juggling family, work, and school, Rhonda Chisholm takes advantage of every free minute she has to complete class assignments.



Non-traditional students like Dayle Felder and Barbara Walker prove that it's never too late to learn.

Conerly



Stephanie Carr, *McComb*
LaDonna Carroll, *McComb*
Chuck Carruth, *Summit*
Natalie Case, *Summit*
Carla Cashio, *Zachary, LA*

Tamara Caston, *McComb*
Brandi Catalanotto, *Amite, LA*
Catherine Celoria, *Smithdale*
Jason Chabreck, *Gloster*
Krishena Chandler, *Liberty*

Andra Chaney, *Magnolia*
Anesa Charles, *Magnolia*
Jamaine Chester, *McComb*
Sharon Chester, *McComb*
Jennifer Clanton, *McCall Creek*

Casey Clark, *Sandy Hook*
John Clark, *Liberty*
Doyce Cleckler, *McComb*
Alayna Clements, *McComb*
David Clements, *McComb*

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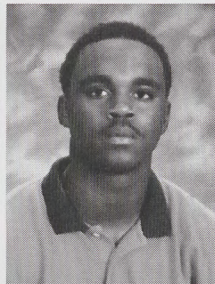
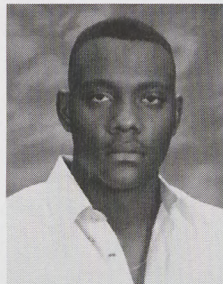
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Conerly

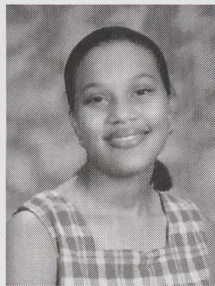
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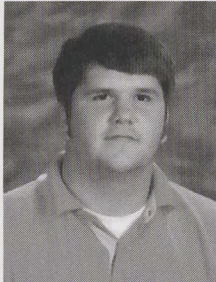
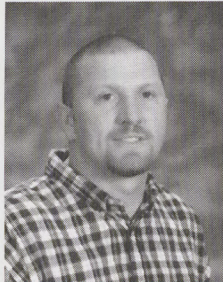
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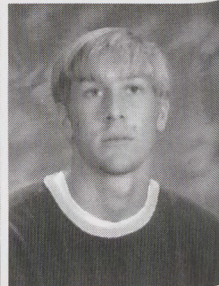
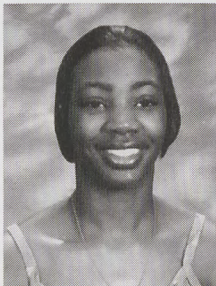
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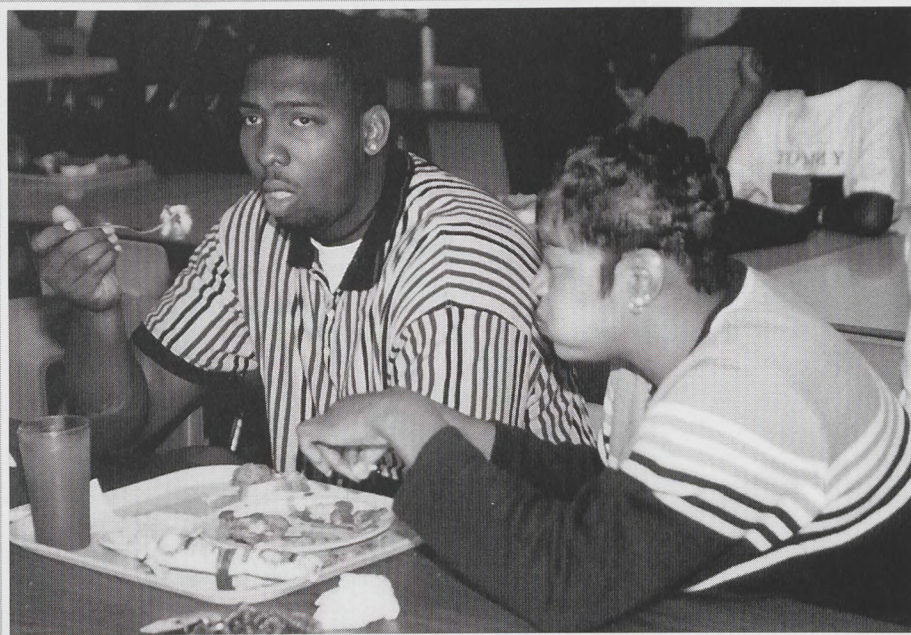
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Holly Croteau, McComb
Joyce Cunnigen, Magnolia
Adam Davis, Tylertown



Dickens



Whether you are away for the very first time or you have made SMCC your "home away from home," every student still enjoys getting news from home.



Alton Moore shares his time and meal with a friend.



Darnell Davis, McComb
LaDonna Davis, Summit
Oscar Davis, Boyce, LA
Rami Davis, Summit
Shaneka Davis, Sandy Hook

Gail Day, Summit
Michael Dean, Osyka
Brandi Deer, McComb
Tiffany Deer, Summit
Tommy Deer, Summit

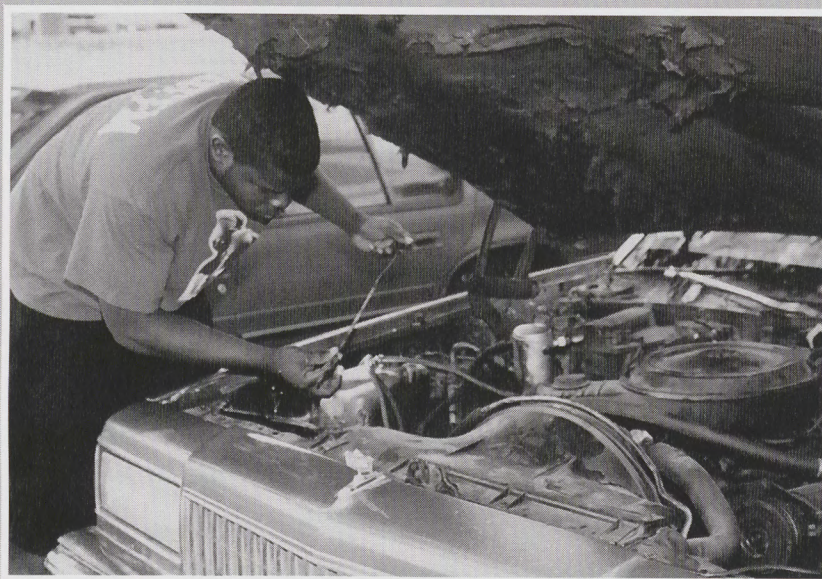
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Dickens

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Wendy Dickerson, McComb
Clinton Dillon, Tylertown
Curtis Dillon, Liberty
Dudley Dillon, Tylertown

George Dillon, Tylertown
LaQuanda Dillon, Tylertown
Larry Dixon, Liberty
Michelle Domine, Summit
Tiffany Domine, Summit

Tim Donati, Summit
Tyler Donati, Summit
Joseph Dooley, Woodville
Deborah Doss, Jackson
Josh Douglas, McComb



To SMCC students, dependable transportation is just as important as a computer. Eric Powell takes time to check his oil before taking the long drive home to Orlando, Florida, while Johnathon Eidt reaches in to make necessary repairs before going home to Woodville, Mississippi.



Fleming



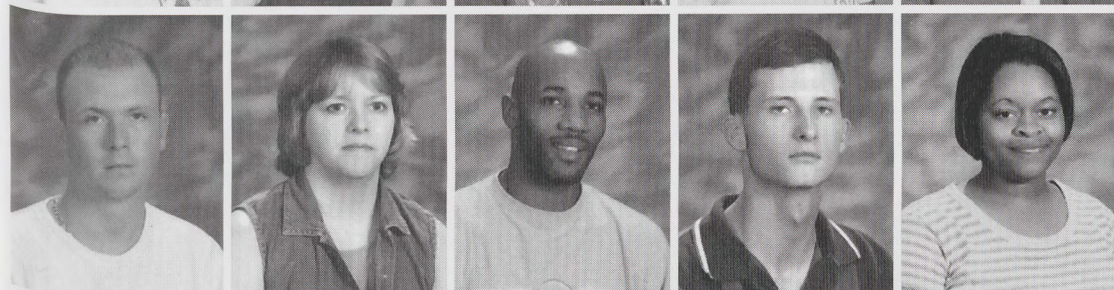
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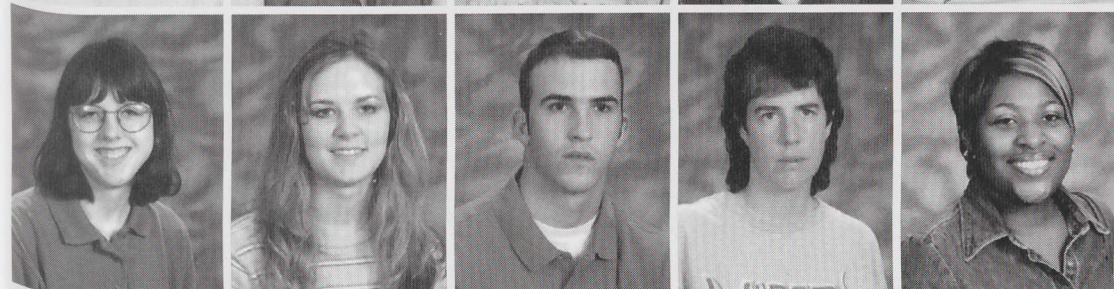
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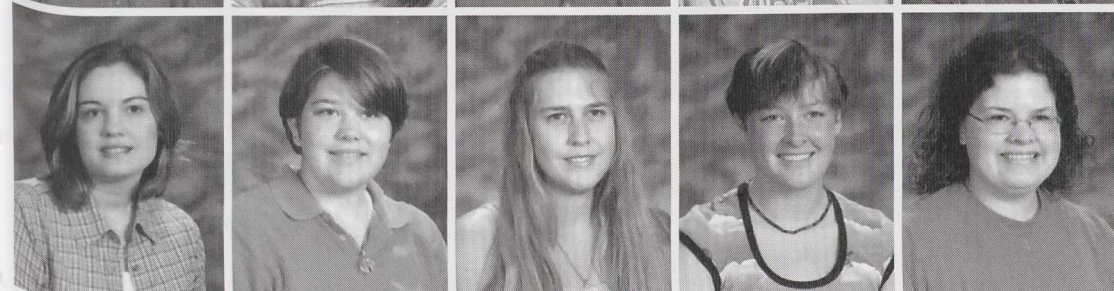
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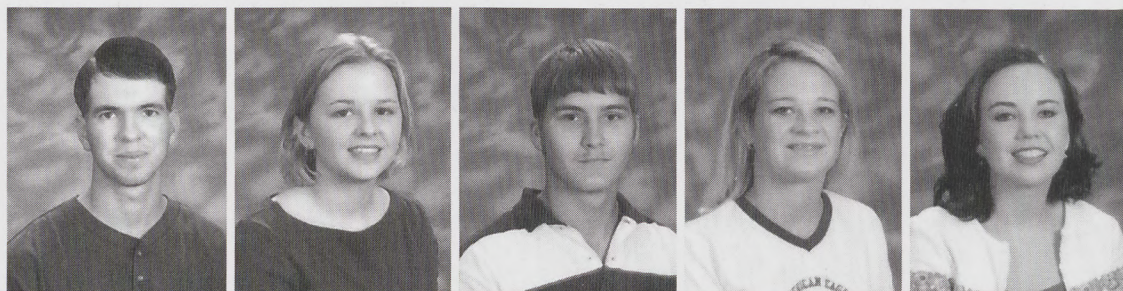
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Alanna Felder, McComb



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Michele Fife, Ruth
Jessica Fleming, Summit
Johshonda Fleming, Summit

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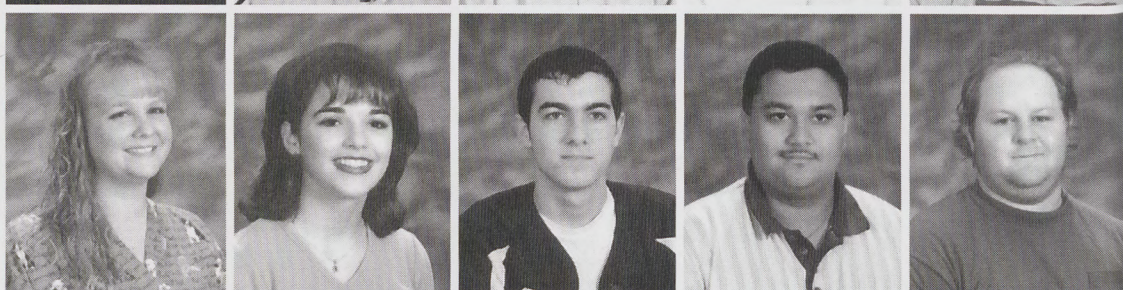
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Troy Fortenberry, *Magnolia*
Terry Foster, *Amite, LA*
Angela Foxworth, *Jayess*
Demond Franklin, *Centreville*
Blake Frazier, *Summit*



Brandy Fredette, *Summit*
Amy Freeman, *McComb*
Curtis Freeman, *Tylertown*
Dennis Freeman, *Magnolia*
Chris Frost, *Baton Rouge, LA*



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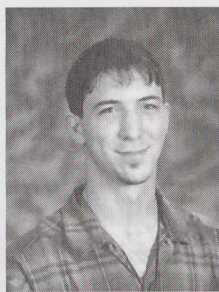
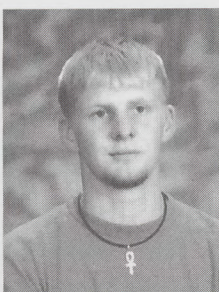
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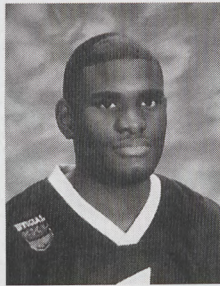
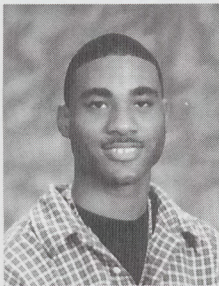
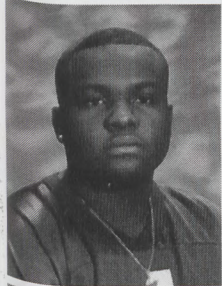
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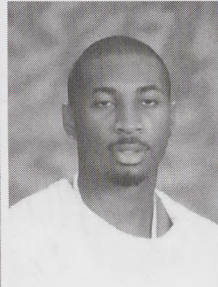
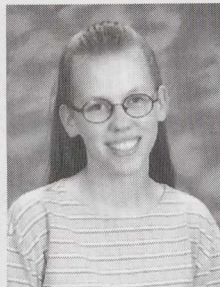
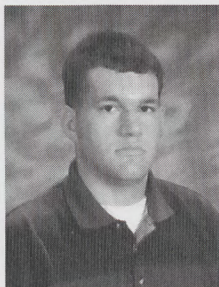
Whether you want to "spruce up" your home or yourself, there is a vocational-technical program waiting for you at SMCC.



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Greg Gibson, McComb
Cheryl Gilmore, Centreville
Jonathan Ginn, Tylertown
Joshua Ginn, Tylertown



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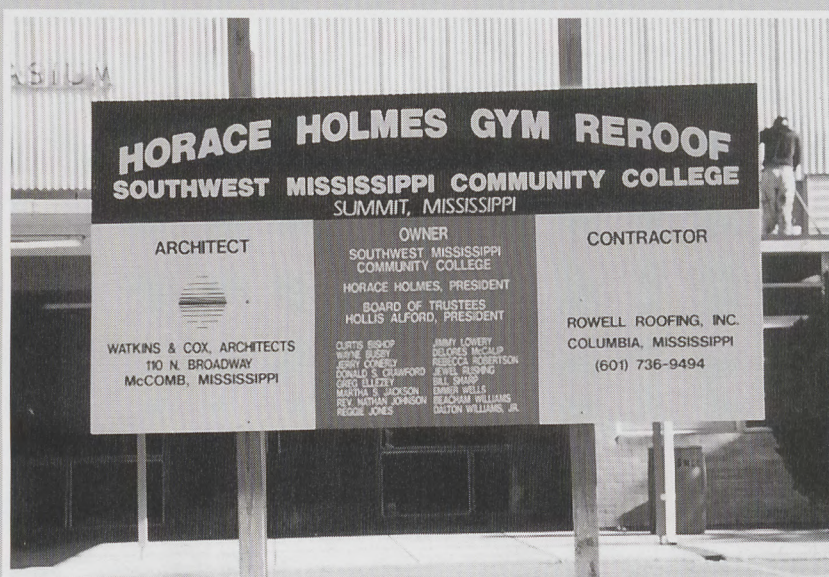
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Robert Green, Shreveport, LA

Greer

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 Russ Greer, *McComb*
 Kimberly Griffin, *Foxworth*
 Samuel Griffin, *Tylertown*
 April Gurney, *Liberty*

Vivica Gutter, *Tylertown*
 Laconia Guy, *Tylertown*
 Laura Guy, *Franklinton, LA*
 Pamela Guy, *Summit*
 Tiffeny Guy, *Magnolia*

Charlette Hackett, *McComb*
 Joshua Hailey, *Liberty*
 James Hall, *McComb*
 Judy Hall, *McComb*
 Chris Ham, *Liberty*



Students during academic year 1999-2000 saw additional student parking spaces added behind Kenna Hall and the Horace Holmes Gymnasium reroofed. Renovations, restorations, and expansions seem to be ongoing projects.

Holmes



Della Hamilton, *Summit*
 Krystal Hamilton, *Centreville*
 Amanda Hammon, *Tylertown*
 Jeff Hanks, *Denham Springs, LA*
 Aquaria Harper, *Tylertown*

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 Sonya Harrell, *Magnolia*
 Mary Havard, *Gloster*
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 Kyle Henderson, *Ponchatoula, LA*
 Lelan Henley, *Franklinton, LA*

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 Christy Higgins, *Liberty*
 Van Hilbun, *Bogue Chitto*
 Harold Hilgersen, *McComb*
 Chrissy Hill, *Tylertown*

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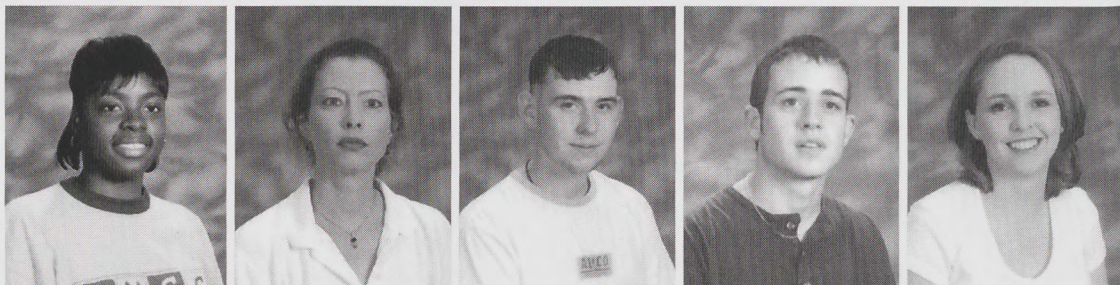
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Holmes

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 Quiana Holmes, Tylertown
 Yshecia Holmes, Tylertown
 Josh Honea, Magnolia
 Lockwood Hoots, McComb



Christy Horton, Summit
 Lola House, Summit
 Eric Howse, Tylertown
 Brett Hubbs, McComb
 Brandy Huff, McComb



Julie Huff, Brookhaven
 Summer Hughes, Purvis
 Sara Hutchison, McComb
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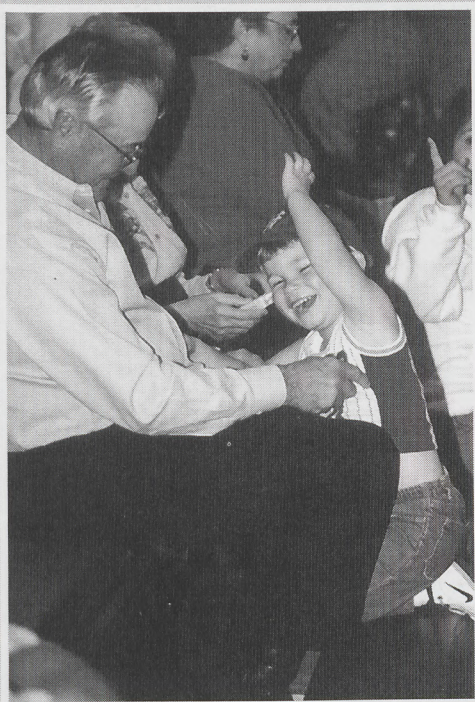
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Donna James, Centreville
 Katherine James, Centreville
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 Ulene James, Magnolia
 Blake Jensen, Woodville



Jones



Biology instructor Amelia Yawn rounds up the troops and visual aids for a homecoming cheer.

Between basketball games, Coach Bill Wallace's father "pokes" fun at Carr Young, son of Coach Oliver Young.



Brad Jetton, McComb
Amanda Johnson, Summit
Antrease Johnson, Monticello
Darrah Johnson, Liberty
Donnis Johnson, Magnolia

Eddie Johnson, Tylertown
Renita Johnson, Gloster
Ryan Johnson, Summit
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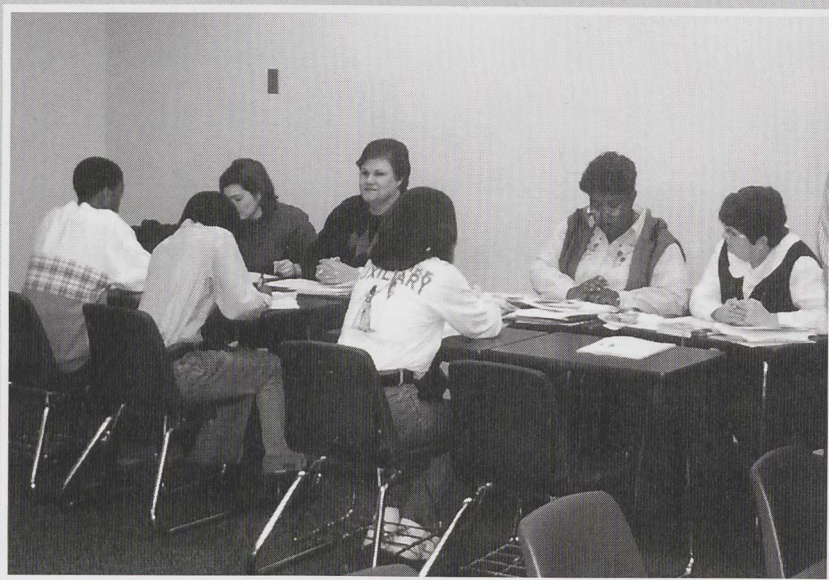
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James Kate, McComb
Jean Kelly, Hammond, LA
Josh Kelly, Meadville

Claire Kent, Zachary, LA
Heather King, Meadville
Jerod King, Tylertown
Amy Kirkland, Liberty
Brandon Kirkland, Liberty

Cynthia Kirkland, Liberty
Tyson Kirkland, Monticello
Holly Knight, Franklinton, LA
Jenni Kraft, McComb
Mike Krantz, Chalmette, LA



During registration, faculty advisors assist students with class changes or other academic needs.

With instrument in hand, Ms. Mattie Rials entertains the Music for Children classes at SMCC. She leaves Scooter Mouse and the Pike-Amite-Walthall Library long enough to visit the campus in hopes of instilling the love of music in future teachers.



Lunsford



Tina Lang, *Tylertown*
 Andy Lange, *Bogalusa, LA*
 Jeffery Lanus, *Woodville*
 Jeremy Larimore, *McComb*
 Charles Larmon, *Amite, LA*

Jack Lawrence, *Summit*
 Jennifer Lee, *Tylertown*
 Kacie LeFort, *Tylertown*
 Patrick Leggett, *Magnolia*
 John LeGrange, *Liberty*

Robby LeMaster, *Summit*
 Brian Lenard, *Tylertown*
 Erica Lenard, *Tylertown*
 Broderick Leonard, *Tylertown*
 Joshua Leonard, *McComb*

Rene' Leonard, *McComb*
 Kelly Lester, *Mr. Hermon, LA*
 Hasha Lewis, *Magnolia*
 Kizzy Lewis, *Tylertown*
 Lakisha Lewis, *Sandy Hook*

Sherrol Lewis-Brown, *Jackson*
 Lavar Lindsey, *Natalbany, LA*
 Holly Lomax, *Summit*
 Jessica Longmire, *Gloster*
 Will Love, *Summit*

Fred Lowe, *Summit*
 Chasidy Luckett, *McComb*
 Tomekia Luckett, *Summit*
 Tasra Lumpkin, *McComb*
 Chasity Lunsford, *McComb*

Lyn Ah Ping

Laura Lyn Ah Ping, *Summit*
Amanda Mabry, *Summit*
Shervonda Mack, *Magnolia*
Carl Maddox, *Plaquemine, LA*
Nisha Madnana, *Tylertown*

Heather Magee, *McComb*
Kechandre Magee, *Tylertown*
Kelvin Magee, *Tylertown*
Nichole Magee, *Jayess*
Zondria Mallery, *McComb*

April Marble, *Jayess*
Russell Mark, *Sandy Hook*
Jason Marsalis, *McComb*
Micki Marsalis, *Summit*
James Martin, *Bogue Chitto*

Jim Martin, *McComb*
Josh Martin, *McComb*
Mathew Martin, *Tylertown*
Dessie Mason, *Tylertown*
Bessie Matthews, *McComb*

Sarah Maxwell, *Summit*
Antonya May, *Jayess*
Keri May, *Bogue Chitto*
Lani May, *Tylertown*
Lauren May, *Tylertown*

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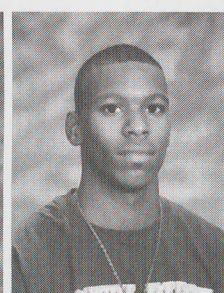
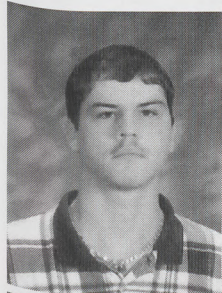


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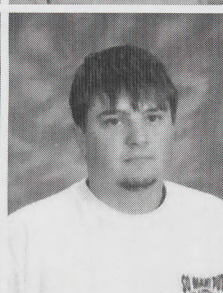


Enjoying the basketball games from the stands are faithful alumni supporters Adene Hurst, Marguerite Singleton, and Aylene Hurst.

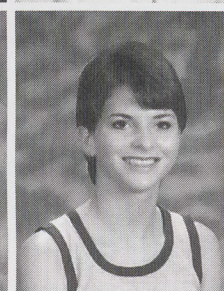
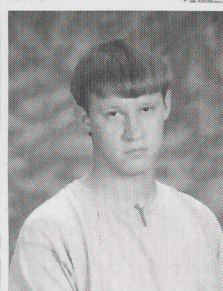
Tabitha Crossley's No. 1 fan both on and off the basketball court is her mom.



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Cindy McDaniel, *Kentwood, LA*
Daniel McGaffeny, *McComb*
Harriett McGee, *Natchez*
Gabriellen McGinnis, *Tylertown*



Jay McGregor, *Liberty*
Brian McGuire, *McComb*
Janice McKellar, *Tylertown*
Edward McKellar, *Tylertown*
Brandy McKenzie, *Tylertown*



Cassie McKenzie, *Gloster*
Randall McKenzie, *McComb*
Suzanna McKenzie, *Gloster*
Melissa McKinley, *McComb*
Alison McLean, *Gloster*

McMorris

Elricus McMorris, *Summit*
 Joe McMorris, *Summit*
 Marquis McNeil, *Magnolia*
 Amanda McNeill, *McComb*
 LaDeldrick McQuarter, *Woodville*

Ryan Mead, *Hammond, LA*
 Steven Melton, *Smithdale*
 Adam Myers, *Tylertown*
 Jennifer Miller, *Magnolia*
 Corey Milton, *McComb*

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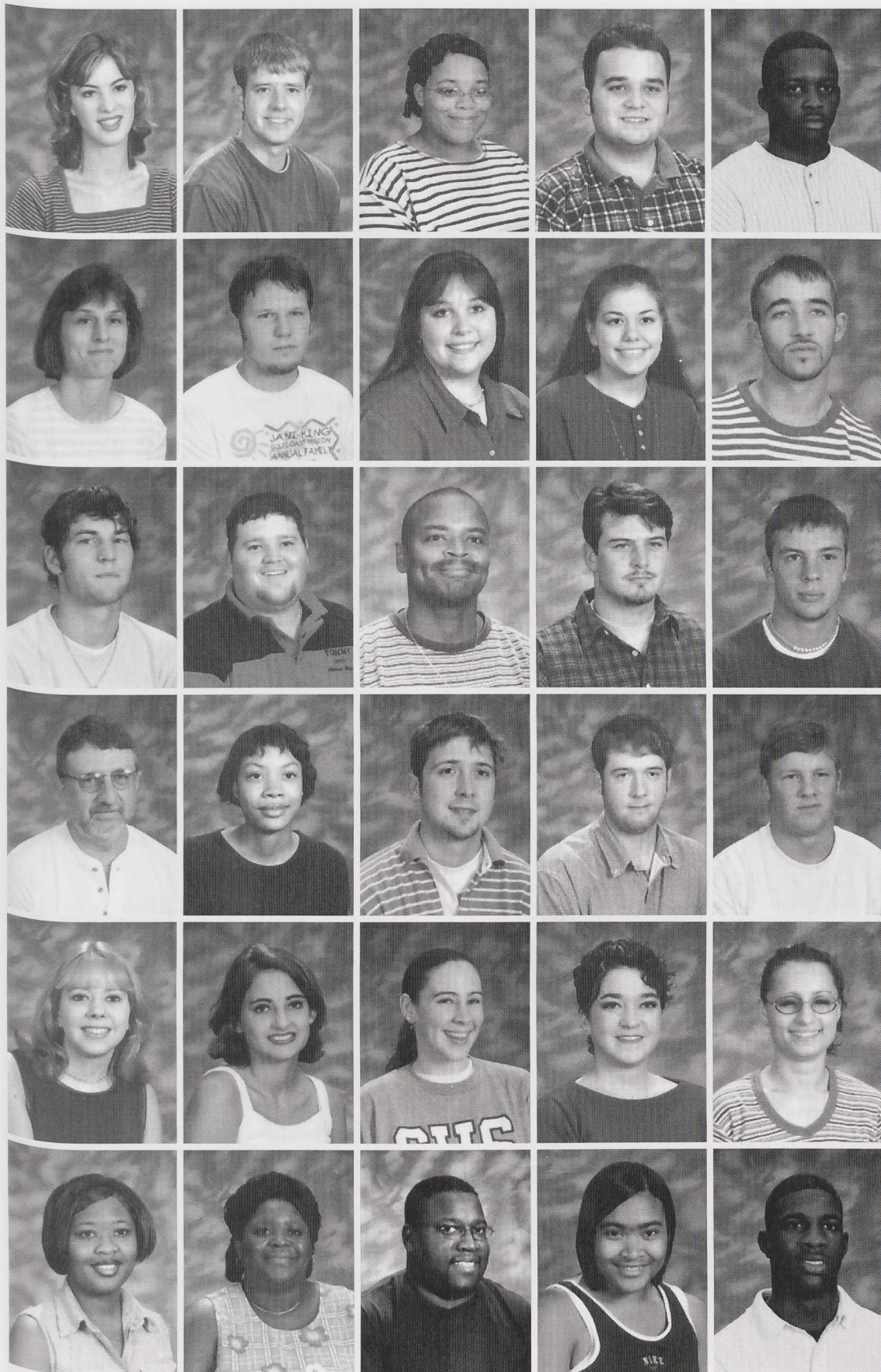


Touring the Enterprise Journal was an informative visit for *Pine Burr* staffers Jessica Fleming, Barbara Esworth, and Dawn Sanders. The Enterprise Journal prints the *Pine Burr* for SMCC.



From the booth high above the Fine Arts auditorium stage, D. J. Preiss can testify that it is lonely at the top.

Patterson



Rebecca Moak, *Bogue Chitto*
Rusty Moak, *Bogue Chitto*
Sundae Montague, *Magnolia*
Michael Montet, *Osyka*
Robert Moody, *Centreville*

Rae Moore, *Smithdale*
Chad Moreau, *Sandy Hook*
Dianna Morgan, *Magnolia*
Melissa Morgan, *Liberty*
Sonny Morgan, *Franklinton, LA*

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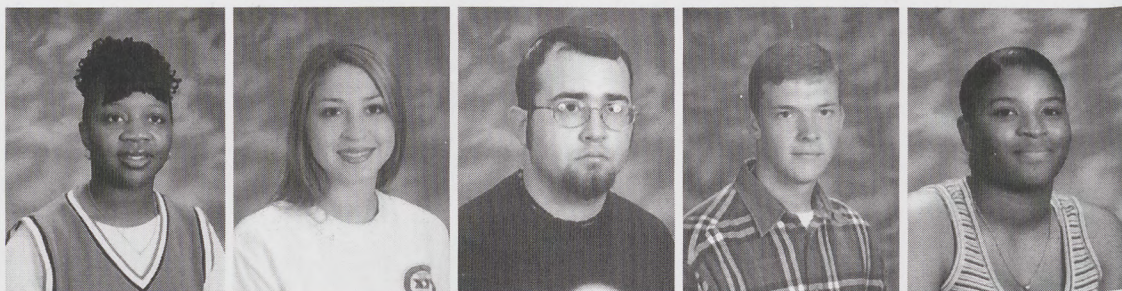
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Sarah Orlando, *Magnolia*
Crystal Ott, *Osyka*
Dana Packwood, *Tylertown*
Monique Packwood, *Tylertown*

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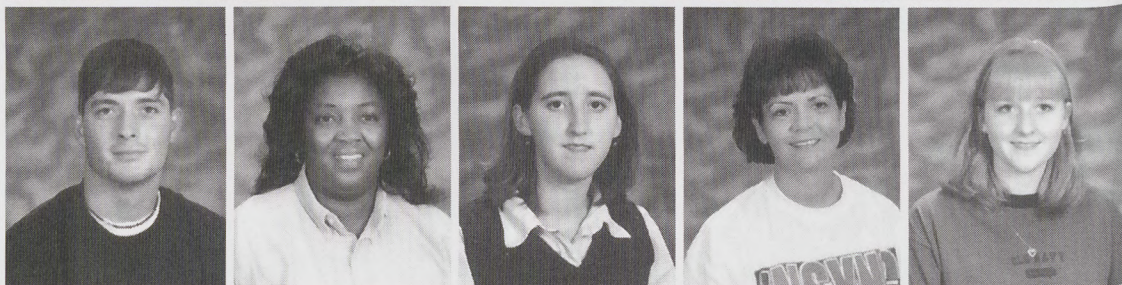
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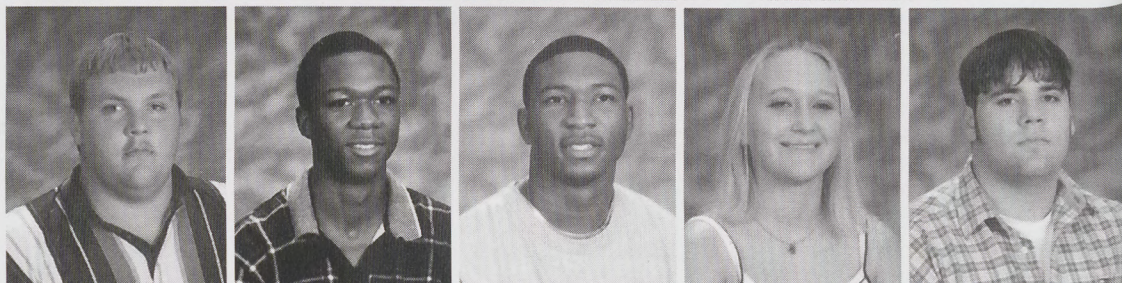
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Jaimee Prescott, Tylertown



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Melissa Quin, Summit
Wayne Raborn, Kentwood, LA
Jeremy Ramsey, Gloster



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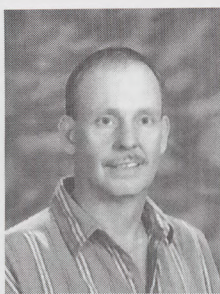
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Corey Reichwald, Jayess



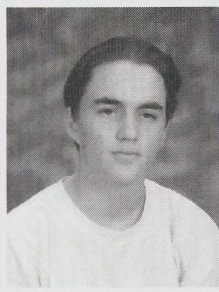
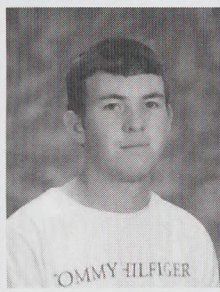
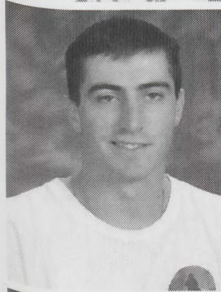
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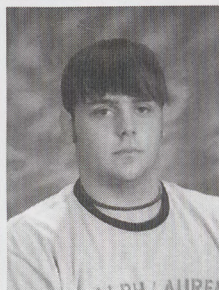
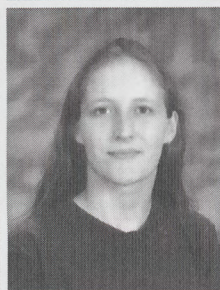
One of the highlights of the semester, particularly for invited guests and judges, is when the LPN students prepare healthy alternatives to traditional foods. Tasters often discover that the alternatives exceed the traditionals in flavor and nutritional value.



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Jerry Reno, Brookhaven
Donna Ricard, Natalbany, LA
Lacy Riley, Magnolia
RaKel Rink, Jayess



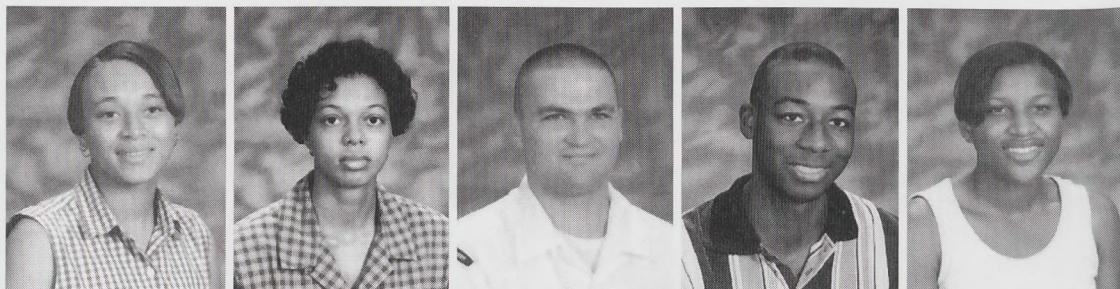
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Jameka Robinson, Liberty
Kenyatta Robinson, Osyka

Robinson

Tonyija Robinson, Centreville
Verlicia Robinson, Liberty
Danny Rockwell, McComb
Michael Rodgers, McComb
Erika Rogers, Magnolia



Larry Rogers, Centreville
Kevin Rogillio, Clinton, LA
Christy Rollins, Meadville
Farrah Ross, Centreville
Sherry Rossie, Tylertown



Krishond Rushing, Kokomo
Sonia Rushing, Tylertown
Dawn Sanders, Tylertown
Leslie Sanders, Canton
Heather Sasser, Bogue Chitto



Proud mom Lisa Stewart takes a second look at Hunter before he begins his duty as crown bearer for Homecoming Queen Courtney Applewhite.

Who says learning is not fun! Just ask the children at the Child Care Center. They're show you just how much fun learning really is!



Slaughter



Alicia Satterfield, *Magnolia*
Heather Satterfield, *McComb*
Jeremy Satterfield, *McComb*
Andrea Savorgnan, *Smithdale*
Danielle Sayles, *McComb*

Brian Schilling, *Kentwood, LA*
Sylvia Scott, *Woodville*
Danielle Seals, *Tylertown*
Lana Seals, *Tylertown*
Laurie Seals, *Tylertown*

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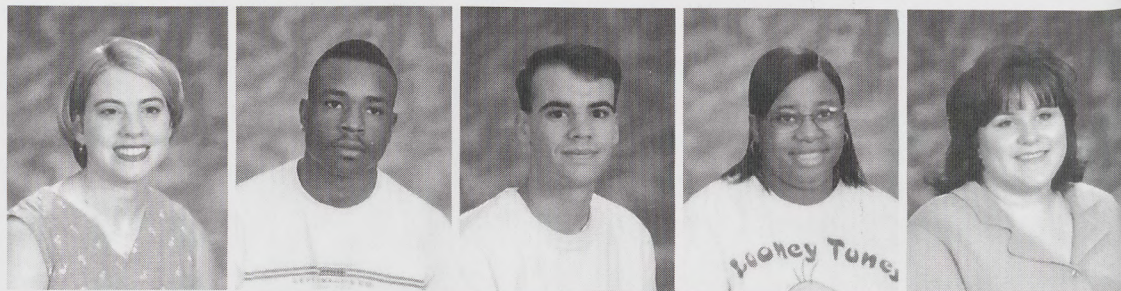
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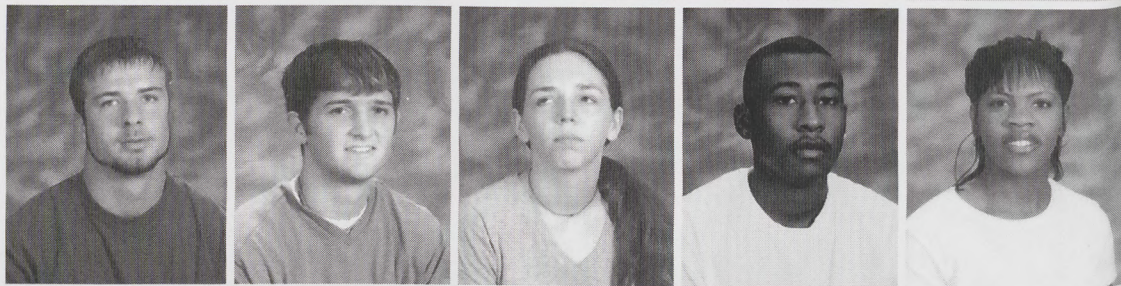
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Adam Slaughter, *McComb*

Slaughter

Courtney Slaughter, McComb
Cornelius Slocum, McComb
Jonathan Small, Summit
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Ben Smith, Denham Springs, LA
Charlie Smith, Magnolia
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Denisha Smith, Tylertown



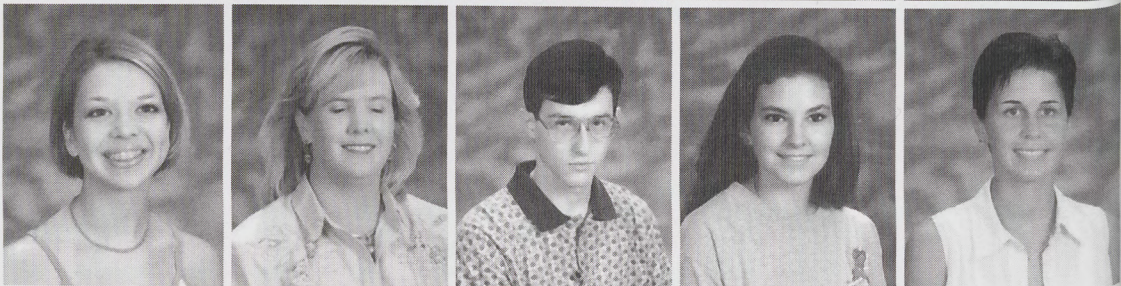
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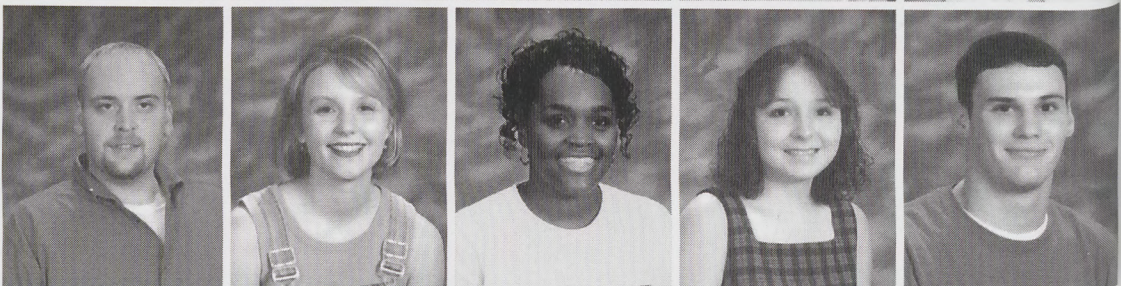
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Tracy Smith, Tylertown



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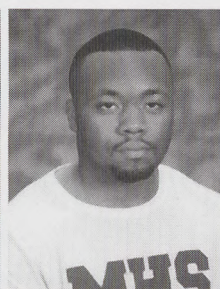
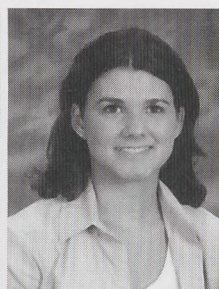
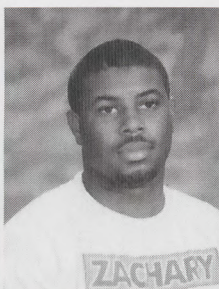
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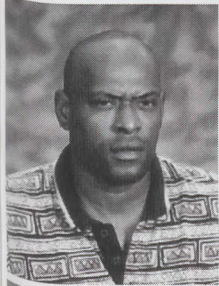
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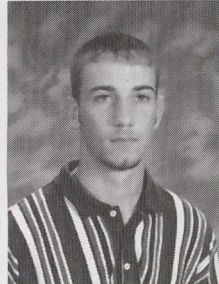
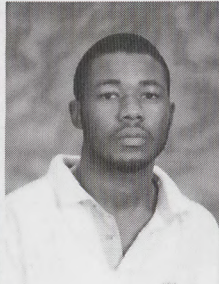
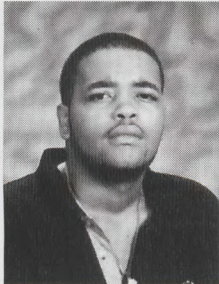
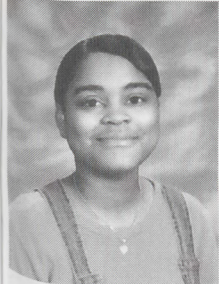
"See You at the Pole" rallies bring people from all walks of life together for one common purpose - praise and worship. During the Fall 1999 campus event, students, church leaders, and administrators joined hands to pray for this country, this institution, and personal concerns.



Leslie Sumrall, *Tylertown*
Maurice Surrell, *Roxie*
Lindsey Talbert, *Liberty*
Leigh Tamor, *Osyka*
Ricardo Taplin, *McComb*



William Taplin, *Magnolia*
Mary Lee Tarver, *Meadville*
Tricia Tarver, *Tylertown*
Latoya Tate, *Osyka*
Amelia Taylor, *Centreville*



Sasha Taylor, *McComb*
Jule Thibodeaux, *McComb*
Antonio Thomas, *McCall Creek*
Eric Thomas, *Sandy Hook*
Adrienne Thompson, *McComb*

Thompson

Cassidy Thompson, *Amite, LA*
 Wilnetha Thompson, *Tylertown*
 Donna Tillery, *Roxie*
 Ronell Tillman, *Ponchatoula, LA*
 Freddric Tobias, *Gloster*

Curstin Toler, *Tylertown*
 Kirk Touchstone, *McComb*
 Kyle Touchstone, *Jayess*
 Marcia Tovell, *Columbia*
 Alfer Tucker, *McComb*

Aaron Tullos, *McComb*
 Joel Tullos, *McComb*
 Josh Tullos, *Summit*
 Tanya Turner, *McComb*
 John Uhle, *Summit*



Whether it is on the field or at the field house during halftime, trainers like Frannie Hebert go to great lengths to see that Bear players reach personal heights in performance. While receiving necessary "repairs," Kennard Ellis and Howard Green never missed a play, and Earl Anthony risked embarrassment — all for the love of the game.



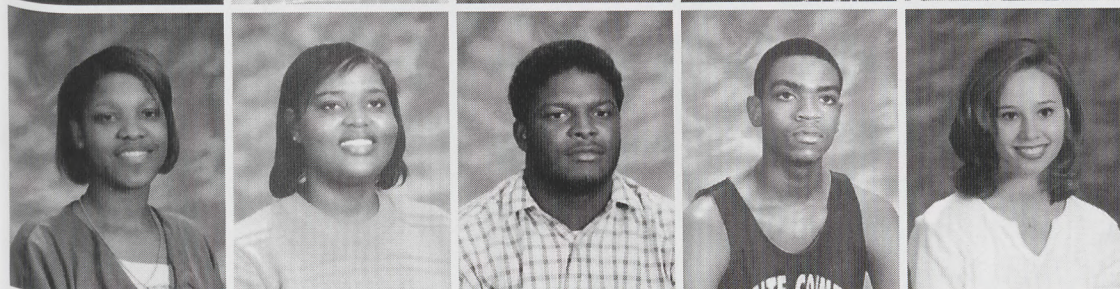
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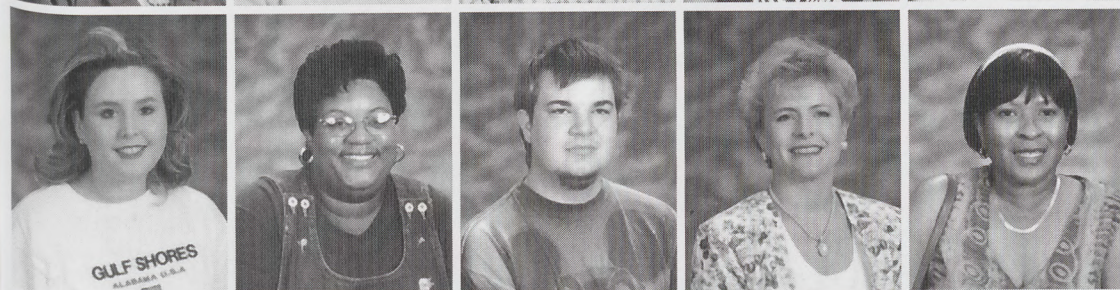
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Paul Waldrop, Tylertown
Dexter Walker, McComb



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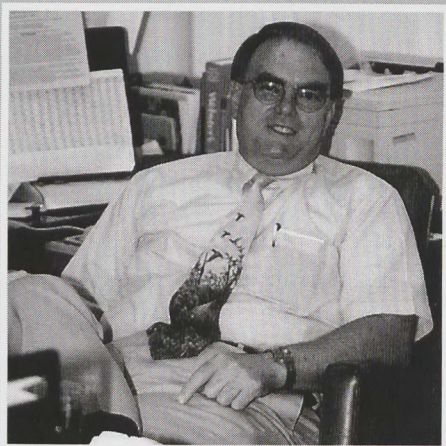
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Robert Weary, Tylertown
Melissa Weathers, Liberty

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Tiffeny Weatherspoon, *Liberty*
Heather Weaver, *Gloster*
Tiran Webber, *Magnolia*
Veronica Welch, *McComb*

Brandi Wells, *Smithdale*
Edward Wells, *McComb*
Judy Wells, *Liberty*
Lashundia Wells, *McComb*
Marcus Wells, *Monticello*

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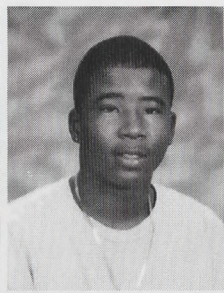
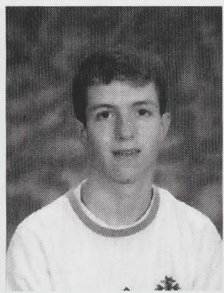


Behind the Scenes: After registration, students rarely come in contact with administrators. However, administrators like Glenn Shoemake, John Thomas, and William H. Johnson spend endless hours to ensure that SMCC continues to reach high standards for its students.

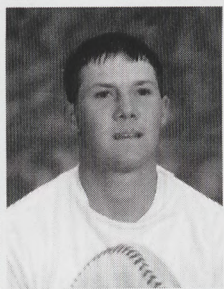
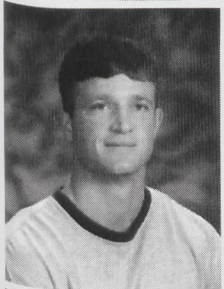
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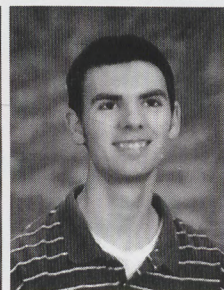
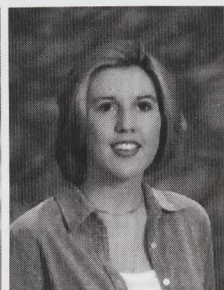
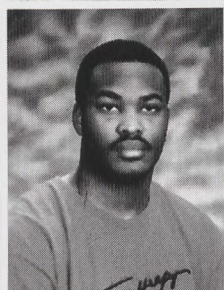
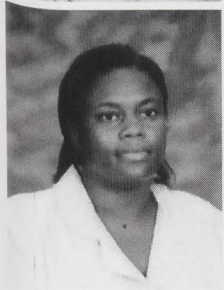
Helping Hands: During your time at SMCC, you encounter many people that help make your way a little better. Whether it's Stacey Hodges in Student Services, Debbie Hodges with JTPA, or Judy Davis, Assistant Business Manager, each is willing and ready to help.



Bridgitte Whetstone, Centreville
Charlsie Whetstone, Woodville
Dustin Whetstone, Woodville
Garland White, Centreville
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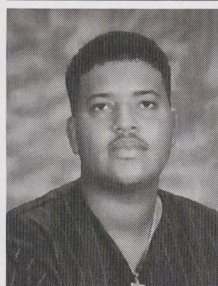
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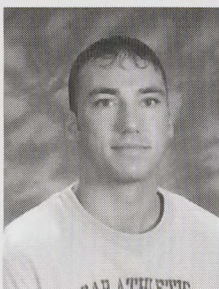
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 Scarlet Williams, *Gloster*
 Stacey Williams, *McComb*
 Richard Willoughby, *Tylertown*
 Kimberly Wilson, *McComb*



LaVonda Wilson, *Crosby*
 Luke Wilson, *Natchez*
 Trinidy Wilson, *Smithdale*
 Lakeysha Woodall, *McComb*
 Rashida Woodard, *Crosby*



If Walls Could Talk: No longer used for gym equipment or PTK meetings, the quaint, octagon-shaped building holds many secrets and memories and catches the glance of inquisitive eyes.



Are instructors Paul Dancsisin and Dr. Steve Bishop engaging in their usual philosophical conversations or is Paul giving Steve some pre-marital advice before Steve's summer wedding? One wonders...



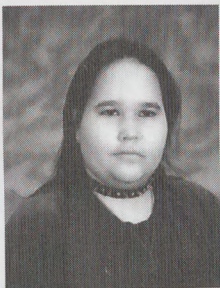
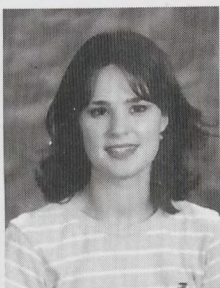
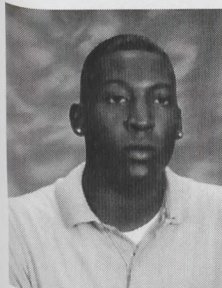
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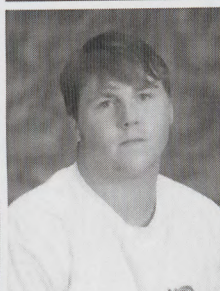
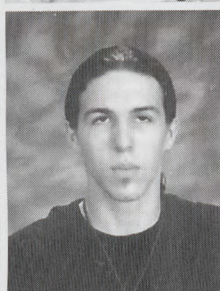
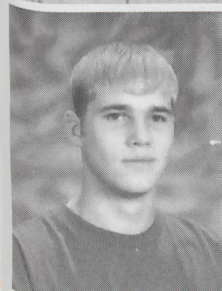
Whether it's listening to an Alabama concert or to Russ Greer at a BSU meeting, music is an universal language that's understood and loved by all.



Lakisha Woods, McComb
Shenita Woods, McComb



Erik Yarborough, Tylertown
Kandace Yawn, Summit
Celeste Yeager, Ruth
Anita Yoder, Kokomo
Danielle Young, Baker, LA

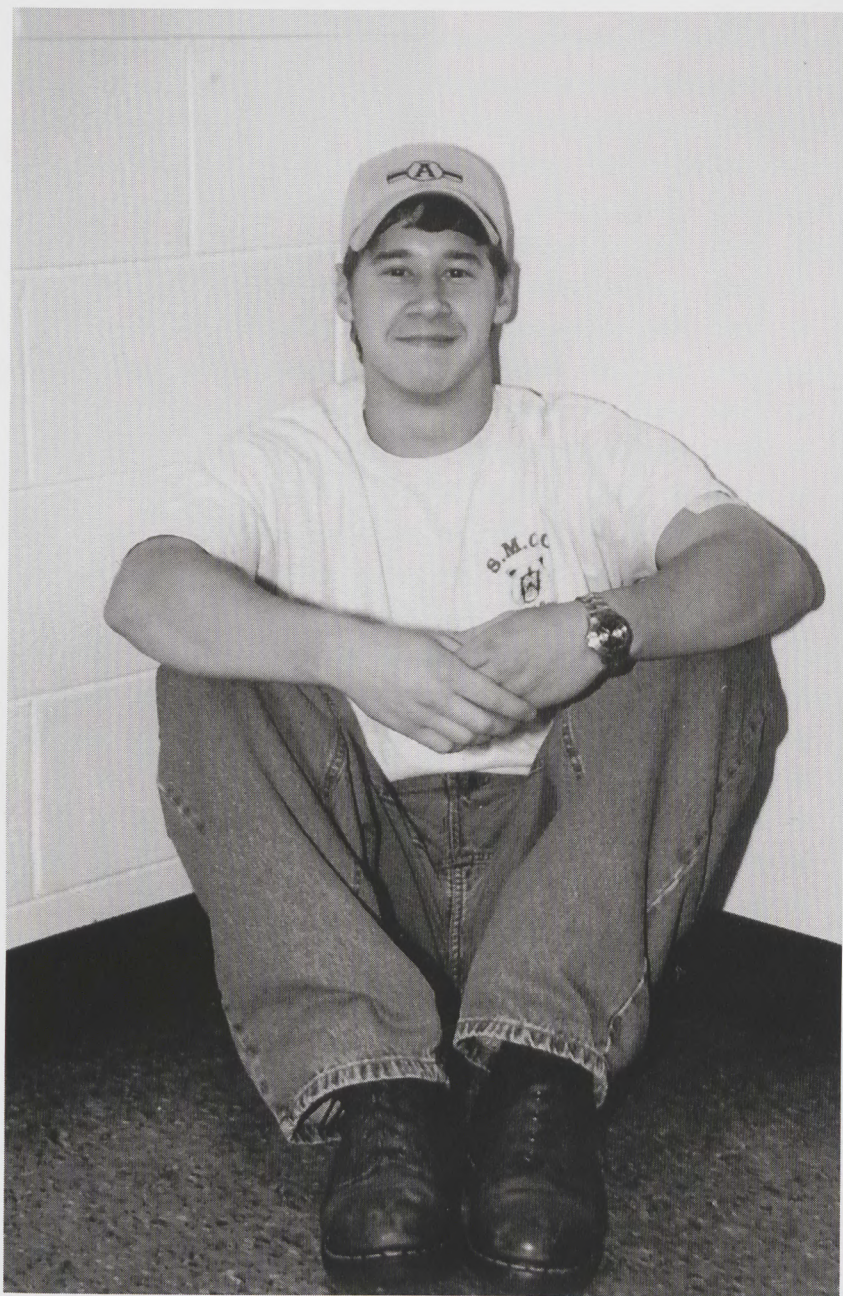


Jay Young, McComb
Nick Young, Smithdale
Taylor Young, Ruth
Marci Yszara, Osyka
Ashlee Zeringue, Belle Rose, LA

Highlights from around campus

Regardless of denomination, SMCC students can come together and pray for the day, school, and country. Alana Burnette, Beth Celoria, and Sally Ward, together with other SMCC students, participated in "See You at the Pole."

Stewart Miller finds a corner to rest from his many activities.





The fieldhouse buzzed with excitement when Florida State head football coach Bobby Bowden and assistant coach Odel Haggins of the national champion Seminoles paid a visit to campus on a recruiting trip.

Prior to the East Central game, Joe Hall takes time to himself to prepare mentally for the upcoming challenge.

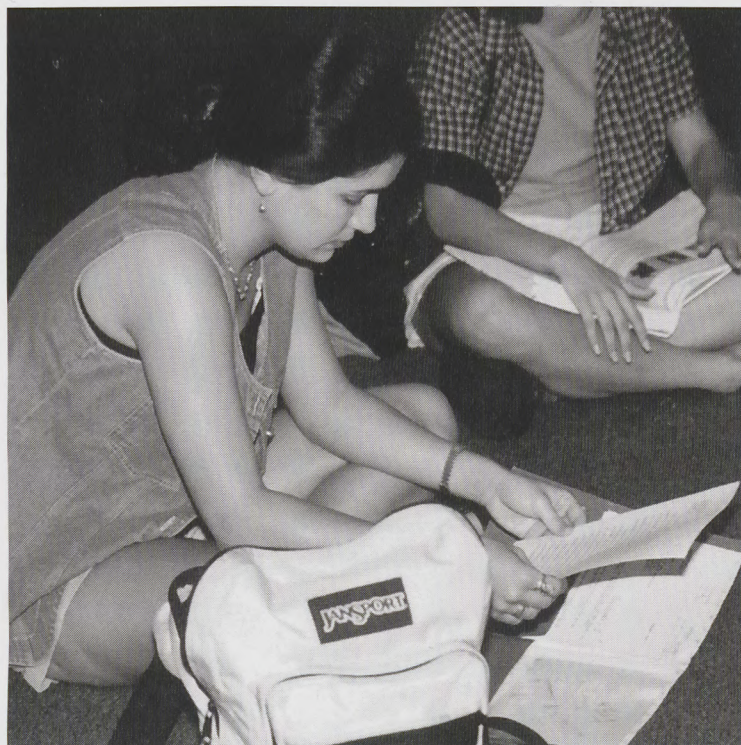


President Holmes congratulates Edward Waller on his excellent achievements at SMCC. Edward, along with five other sophomores, was inducted into the 2000 Hall of Fame.



Walking to class gives Amanda St. Romain, Chasity Lunsford, and Megan Dykes plenty of time to catch up on the latest news.

SMCC students soon learn that every minute counts, so many make good use of their time between classes by studying notes, proofing essays, or working assignments.



While at SMCC, students like Kelvin Ginn and Tyrone Gatlin develop friendships that last long after their days at Southwest end.

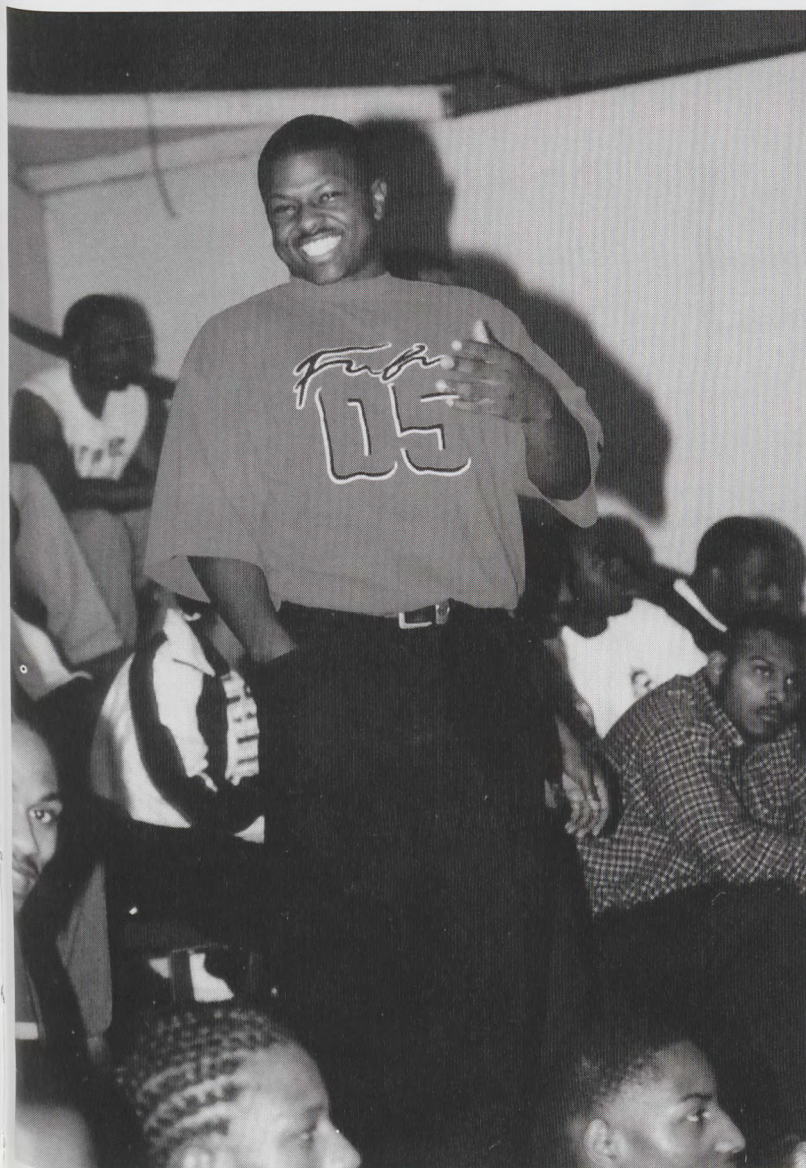
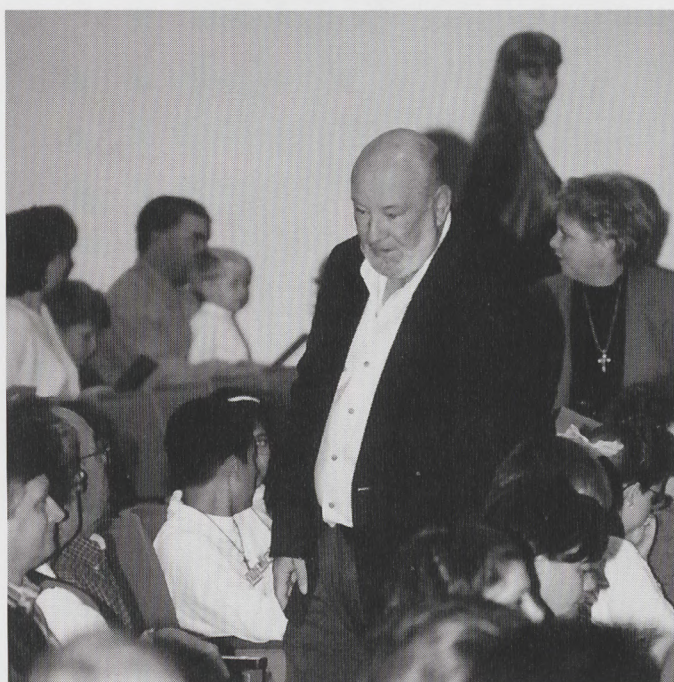


Highlights from around campus



While Jack Seals, Tech Prep coordinator, assists a high school student locate her "classes" for the morning, Diane Cooper, his secretary, takes pleasure in seeing the success of their hard work. To orientate students to the college scene, Jack, assisted by Diane, developed a simulated college experience for visiting high school students.

Stage Band director Shelton Whittington takes time to mingle with the audience before sending them "Home for the Holidays."



At the end of football season, Glynis Matthews trades his football uniform for a place in the gym to cheer the Bears to victory.



What's a basketball game without popcorn and a soda? Justin Shipley makes sure that Bear fans don't find out.

Past Heights, New Horizons

In the December 27, 1999, issue of *U.S. News & World Report*, a special report described 25 men and women whom it considered to be the "principal architects of the American Century." Some of the developers and developments that revolutionized America are listed below:

- Automobile electric starter - Charles Kettering
- Shopping malls - Victor Gruen
- Jazz - Louis Armstrong's
- Interstate highway system - Frank Turner
- Skyscrapers - William Van Alen
- Boering 747 - Juan Trippe
- The Pill - Margaret Sanger
- Fast food restaurants - Ray Kroc
- Movie industry - Louis B. Mayer
- Suburbs - William Levitt
- Valium - Leo Sternbach
- Disposable diapers - Marion Donovan
- Air conditioning - Willis Carrier
- Credit cards - Frank McNamara
- Commercials - Leo Burnett
- Televangelism - Rex Humbard
- Sitcoms - Lucille Ball
- The Super Bowl - Pete Rozelle
- DDT ban - Rachel Carson
- Civil rights - Charles Houston
- Feminism - Betty Friedan
- Video games - Nolan Bushnell
- The Internet - J.C.R. Licklider
- The PC - Steve Wozniak

ITEMS OF COMPARISON	1900	2000
U.S. Population	75,994,575	273,482,000
Median Age	22.9	35.7
Birthrate	32.3 per thousand	14.2 per thousand
Biggest Source of Immigrants	Austria-Hungary	Mexico
Number of Millionaires	3,000	3.5 million
Average Annual Income	8,620	23,812
Average Work Week	60 hours	44 hours
Cigarettes Produced	4 billion	720 billion
Daily Newspapers	2,226	1,489
Farm Population	29,875,000	4,600,000
Number of Farms	5,740,000	2,191,510
Miles of Paved Road	10	4 million
Cars Produced in U.S.	5,000	5.5 million
Adults Completing High School	15 percent	83 percent
Homes with Electricity	8 percent	99.9 percent
National Debt	\$24.8 billion	\$5 trillion
Per Capita National Debt	\$325	\$23,276
Voter Turnout	73.7 percent	48.9 percent
Average Household Size	4.76 persons	2.62 persons
Number of Bison	400	200,000

*Statistics from U.S. News & World Report
December 27, 1999*

With the dawn of a new millennium, one reflects on past accomplishments, past heights, and envisions future horizons, future realities. The achievements in the past decade alone have revolutionized American society. What the 1920 American citizen considered futuristic thinking has often been realized by modern man. Thus, the following compilation lists some developments that have revolutionized America and what Americans may expect in the 21st century.

Great Expectations...

- America's population will increase from 272 million in 1999 to 393 million by 2050.
- By 2050 the leisure and tourism industries will account for about half of all U.S. jobs.
- The cost of a four-year public university education will double by 2017.
- By mid-century, cars will be powered by electricity rather than gasoline. Steering wheels will resemble joy sticks. Radar will help vehicles avoid accidents. Dashboard sensors will determine if a driver is getting drowsy and signal to wake him.
- Books will disappear, replaced by handheld devices.
- With a click of a button, you will have the freedom to watch television shows whenever you want.
- Communications devices will become more prevalent and smaller.
- Genetic engineering will make the body correct physical problems.
- Animals, particularly pigs, will be used as human organ donors.
- The planet will warm from 1 to 6 degrees.
- Warfare, as we know it, will become obsolete. Military will rely more heavily on unmanned power.
- Space exploration will continue.

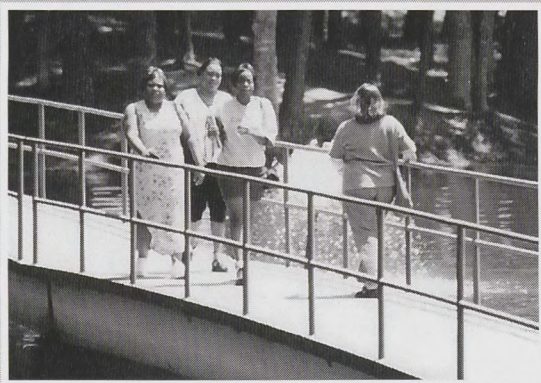
Gypsy Laura Ellett, dressed for Halloween festivities, does not look into a crystal ball to see her future, yet she, like other SMCC students and children, hold the future.



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January 1, 2000

NEW HEIGHTS

The end of the school year is as busy as the beginning. For some, it is the end of their time at Southwest as they transfer to a senior college or enter the workforce. For others, it is a break before returning to Southwest in Fall 2000. In either case, there are no more ...



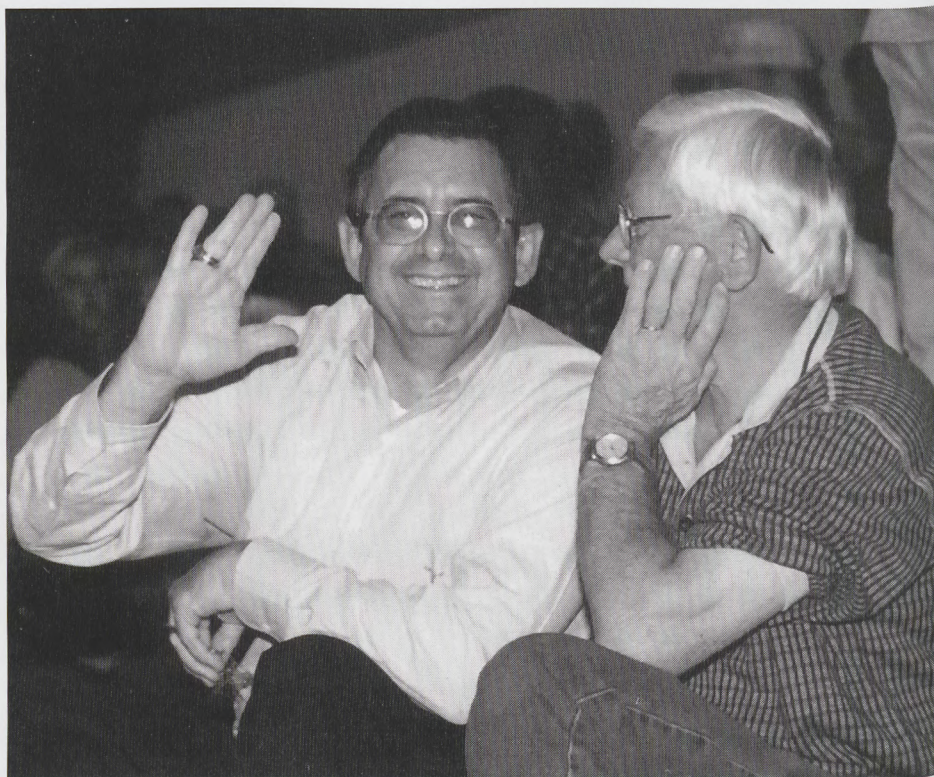
walks across Bear Lake to go to class,



classroom lectures, or



trips through the cafeteria line.

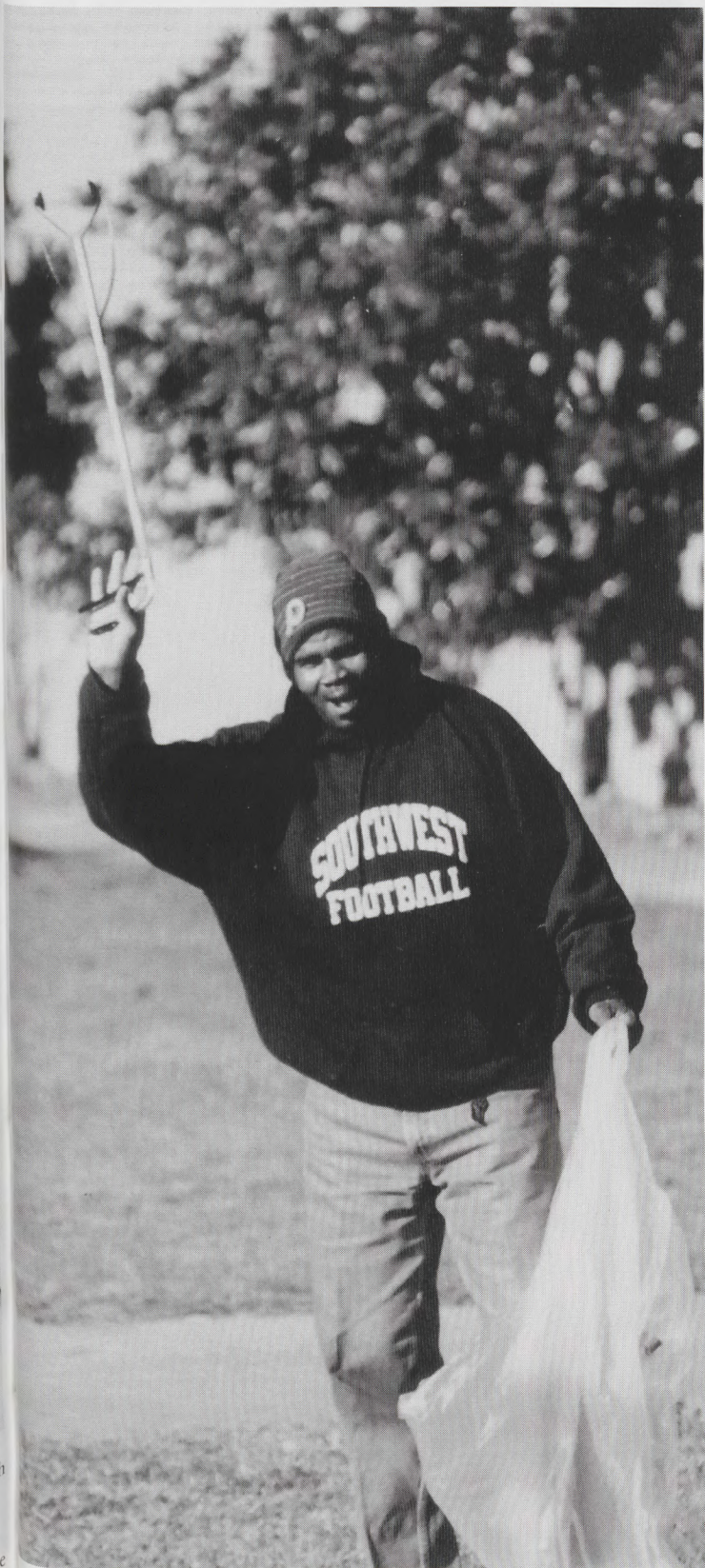


Years after his SMCC graduation, Baptist minister Anthony Yarborough returns to cheer with others as the Bears basketball teams work to give the crowd something to cheer about.

When entering the workforce, these LPN students will soon discover that the computer knowledge gained at SMCC greatly assists them with their job performance.

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No matter where they go, students know they can return to campus and see how "T" and his crew have continued to make SMCC the most beautiful campus in the state.



Current student Amanda Johnson takes a "break" from classes to visit former student Cindy Bennett and her brother-in-law at the hospital. Former SMCC students like Cindy are found succeeding in all walks of life.



With only three months left before May graduation, the Education, Career, and Jobs Fair gives sophomore nursing students like Brandie Garner the opportunity to ask questions about the job market in southwest Mississippi.

The Education, Career, and Jobs Fair gave Sandra Stinson the opportunity to talk about SMCC's newest program — EMT Paramedic Technology.



Institutional Advancement Director Sissy Whittington makes sure that SMCC continues to grow and reach new heights long after each semester ends.



Regardless of each chosen path, students will carry memories of their time at SMCC. Whether it was studying in the library, sitting in classes, going to the Learning Lab, surfing the Internet, meeting friends in the grill, checking their mail, visiting with friends in the dorm, watching the Bears defeat their opponents, or listening to the Stage Band as they prepared them to go "Home for the Holidays" — each student reached new heights while at SMCC. But now, . . .



it is time to load possessions,



Planning to transfer to a senior college after her SMCC graduation, Lani May investigates Mississippi State.

wave good-bye, and begin a new journey in reaching new heights.

Student Directory

The following list contains names of students who were enrolled at SMCC during the spring semester of 2000.

Aadams, Kristen Tena
 Adams, Steven Wesley
 Adams, Tracey Lynn
 Addison, Justin Wade
 Addison, Saul Joseph
 Addison, Tawnyana Shanta
 Agnor, Nolita Lynn
 Aguilar, Vickie Ann
 Akers, Gina M.
 Albritton, Jill Kristen
 Alesich, Ray George
 Alexander, Brad Scott
 Alexander, Brenda Fay
 Alexander, Courtney Jane
 Alexander, Jeffrey Nathaniel
 Alexander, Lawanda Denise
 Alexander, Nicole Susan
 Alexander, Penny Katrice
 Alford, Aaron Alton
 Alford, Julia Elizabeth
 Alford, Kelly Linton
 Alfred, Jr., L. D.
 Alldredge, James Daniel
 Allen, Isabel M.
 Allen, Mareeta
 Allen-Chandler, Krishena Mikita
 Amaker, Travis Sentell
 Anazia, Linda U.
 Anders, Kellie M.
 Anderson, Frank E.
 Anderson, Keytrell Ferlondo
 Anderson, Leigh Anne
 Anderson, Reggi R.
 Anderson, Shirley Joyce
 Anderson, Sylena Enjuli
 Anthony, Doris Ann
 Anthony, Earl D'Amico
 Applewhite, Courtney Rebecca
 Ard, Alonzo D.
 Ard, Brandy E.
 Ard, Eugenia Darnette
 Ard, LaShonda L.
 Armstrong, Nicole Lynn
 Arnold, Judy Diane
 Ashley, Carrie Sydney
 Ashley, Decley Loveaa
 Ashley, Trequilla Nicole
 Aucoin, Cheryl D.
 Avants, Glenn R.
 Avery, Ejerold Jermaine

Bacot, Kirona S.
 Badon, Mary D.
 Baggett, Heather Nicole
 Bailey, Marty Sean
 Bain, Leanne Marbury
 Baker, Jenna Kaye
 Ball, Debbie E.
 Bankham, Kawanna
 Banks, Shakela Evette
 Bankston, Laura J.

Bankston, Shawn Laverne
 Barber, Eric Lance
 Barber, Jeffrey
 Barnard, Charles C.
 Barnes, Debra Sue
 Barnes, Eric Darnell
 Barnes, Shantay Shanne
 Barnett, Melisa Reshea
 Barnett, Roy Elton
 Barr, Dustin Anthony
 Barron, Jr., Claude A.
 Barron, Joan Marie
 Barron, Micheal Tyme
 Barron, Tammy Jean
 Bass, Joshua Martin
 Bates, Natasha Deandria
 Bates, Tasagne Q.
 Battiste, Frankie Marie
 Bauers, Amber M.
 Baughtman, Latusha Cherie
 Bayham, Davian Joseph
 Beard, Angela Lea
 Beasley, Charles Brent
 Beck, Candace Nicole
 Behrnes, Bradley M.
 Bell, Isaac
 Bentley, III, George William
 Berch, Robert Henry
 Berry, Lisa M.
 Berthelot, Theodore J.
 Bickham, Jonathan Clint
 Birch, Sharon Rene'
 Bird, William Glenn
 Birdsong, Brittany Elise
 Black, Joseph Carmen
 Blackmon, Sandra Annita
 Blackwell, Lora Suzanne
 Blackwell, Tiffany Marinetta
 Blades, Stephanie
 Bland, Lisa Ann
 Block, Dustin Michael
 Blow, Barbara Ferrara
 Blue, Janna Lee
 Bond, Rodney Douglas
 Bonds, Anthony Dewayne
 Bonds, Chris J.
 Bonds, Otto Jerome
 Bonds, Valerie Lee
 Bonner, Darlene Edwina
 Bourg, Tena L.
 Bourn, Rebecca Sue
 Boutwell, Edward Shane
 Bowers, Charolette LaJuanna
 Bowman, Karmisha Ladiedre
 Bowman, Stacey Lynn
 Bowman, Telia Lavatris
 Bowser, Laura Nicole
 Boyd, Abby Lena
 Boyd, Dennis Mitchell
 Boyd, Jarome L.
 Boyd, Jennifer Leann
 Boyd, Joey L.
 Boyd, Laci Susanne

Boyd, Lori L.
 Boyd, Sandra L.
 Boyd, Shane Philip
 Boyd, Yates Wilkie
 Boykin, Stormy Howell
 Boyte, Jonathan Neal
 Brabham, Sarah Louise
 Bracey, Allen Banning
 Branch, Sonda Rebecca
 Brannan, Vanessa D.
 Brashear, Jonathan Anthony
 Braswell, Chasity Amber
 Breaux, Jerry Anthony
 Brecheen, Idalia Ann
 Brewer, Georgia Leigh
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 Bridges, Alvin Eugene
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Holden, James Chadwick
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As my time at Southwest draws to a close, many memories from Southwest will remain with me for years to come. Before I leave, I must thank many. First, I thank God for giving me the strength and ability to successfully be where I am today. Second, I thank President Holmes, faculty, and staff for their willingness to help and the concern they showed not only to me but to all SMCC students. Third, I thank Johshonda for always being open-minded and flexible to adapt to ideas and changes. Your positive attitude allowed me to make the extra effort to continue when deadlines were pressing. I wish you all the luck in the future. Fourth, to the yearbook staff, your dedication, cooperation, and hard work allowed us to accomplish our main goal — the 2000 yearbook. Not only was our goal accomplished, but we “reached new heights” as a group. Before closing, one person has not been recognized. Thanks go to Mrs. Gwen May, not only a full-time instructor and yearbook sponsor but also a full-time mom. Thanks, Mom, for all your hard work. You did a great job. Although we all worked as a team and won the battle, you deserve the most thanks. — *Keri May*, co-editor

One morning, walking back to my dorm room, I stopped at the end of the bridge by the nursing building to watch the ducks sleep. Slowly, each one began to wake and greet the sunshine. Stretching their necks, smacking their bills, they shook off the sleep of the night. One by one, they waddled to the water for a drink and a dip. They shook the water down their backs as if the water was too cold even for them. The procedure reminded me of myself and the steps I go through each morning before rushing off, late again for another class.

Southwest has been great. I love the campus with the lake and trees and the people, the lesser known of Southwest's beauties. This was the right choice for me in my plan for a better future, and I'm glad I was able to participate in activities such as the yearbook and BSU.

This year I have been able to witness many things on staff. There were all new faces this year, ready to learn the joy of “yearbooking” and Mrs. May now knows nearly all of them. Keri has been great to work with. We have many times stood back as Mrs. May showed us another of her magic tricks by tweaking this and that, changing this from here to there, to make the yearbook just right. It's been quite a show.

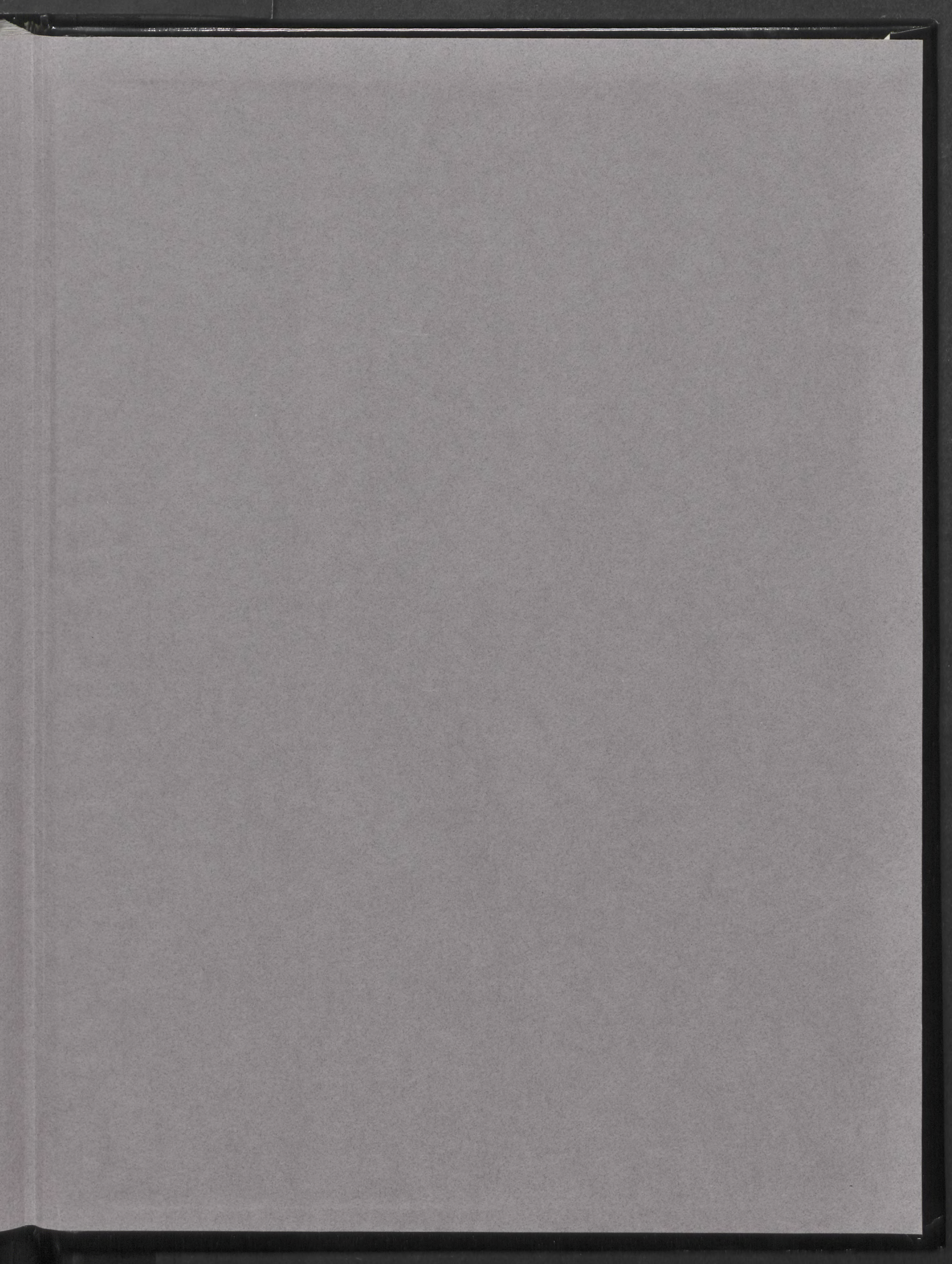
I hope everyone enjoys looking at the yearbook as much as I've enjoyed helping to put it together. — *Johshonda Fleming*, co-editor



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